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THE NAVY has revealed the second HE NAVY has revealed the second supersonic research airplane, Douglas D-558 Skystreak, which joins the Bell XS-1 in the attack on the sonic speed barrier. The Skystreak, however, is totally different from the XS-1 although designed to produce essentially the same information. The new speedster is pow-ered by a General Electric TG-180 turbojet engine which enables the plane to take off under its own power. Basic idea of the Skystreak is to test the value of low aspect ratio wings as a means of minimizing the effects of the transonic zone. The XS-1 was designed primarily to test the usefulness of very thin wings. "Another airplane", believed to be the Bell XS-2, will test sweepback wings in the transonic zone. The Skystreak is of magnesium construction. The nose assembly, carrying the pilot, may be detached in mid-air permitting the pilot to slow down and escape by parachute in event of difficulty. The new plane, like the XS-1, is scheduled to be turned over to the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics for the research work for which it was built following routine acceptance tests. It will be delivered this spring to Muroc Army Air Base where the first test flight will be made. About six different sonic research airplanes are being built for NACA, which is taking the world lead in the

attack on the sonic barrier, which many believe to be the most critical problem

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mow facing aviation.

MORE DETAILS are available on the two Curtiss jet projects. The XA-43 is a single seat attack version powered by four General Electric TG-180 turbojet units mounted in pairs in flat, rectangular nacelles in each wing. It is equipped with slots and flaps. Armament includes a 37 mm cannon and ten .50 caliber machine guns. A similar version is the XP-87, which is powered by two turbojet units and will mount special equipment for "all

weather" operations.
FIRST TEST flight of Northrop Pioneer FIRST TEST flight of Northrop Pioneer tri-motor transport plane has been completed successfully and photographs reveal the "antique" design as smart and modern in appearance. Max Stanley, who flew the monster XB-35, was the test pilot and he "took it easy" on the first light using 1000 ft., although the design is capable of taking off in 700 ft. Another parts to the foot that three Perst t. Whit reason is the fact that three Pratt & Whitney Wasp engines of 600 hp are installed at present instead of the 800 hp Wright Cyclone engines which will eventually be used. The Pioneer was built specifically for Latin American export trade where small field capabilities are at a premium. Northrop plans to test the airplane thor-(Turn to page 6)



(Above) Douglas Cloudster, deluxe private or executive ship, has two 250 hp engines driving single tail prop. (Below) Sleek new 4 jet bomber Consolidated Vultee XB-46 has span of 106 ft.





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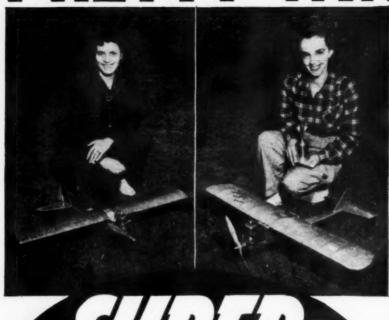
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THE FIRST jet-propelled flyingboat in England, the Saunders-Roe SR/A1, is nearing completion. The craft is a single-seat Navy fighter craft powered by two Metropolitan-Vickers F2/4 axial flow turbojet units mounted at the wing-hull junctures. Air is provided through a single inlet in the extreme nose. The small craft has a wingspan of 46 ft. and is 50 ft. long. It is hoped that success of this design will reinstate the much-maligned flyingboat in the aircraft picture. The use of turbojets insures its qualification in the 500 mph class with other fighter planes. The British point out the advantages of the turbojet flyingboat in South Pacific operations, for example, where use of land-based fighters required extensive landing facilities laboriously installed.

EMERGENCE OF France from its wartime aeronautical "tomb" to a prolific source of new aircraft designs was made clear at the Paris Aero Show. It was obvious from the more than 30 new designs on display that the state-controlled industry has no intentions of being dominated into set patterns or that research will lag. Included were four supersonic research airplanes, all with sweepback wings and jet power: the Aerocentre N.C.271 (two Rolls-Royce Nenes), the Aerosudouest SO M1 (Rolls-Royce Derwent), the Arsenal VG 70 (Junkers Jumo 004) and the S.N.C.A.S.E. SE 2400 (two Rolls-Royce Nenes).

MORE DETAILS and photographs are now available on the long-rumored Curtiss XF15C-1 single seat Navy fighter plane. It is a combination reciprocating-jet engined design with propeller located in the nose and the jet engine in the lower fuselage underneath the tail. The reciprocating engine is a Pratt & Whitney Dou-ble Wasp R-2800 driving a four bladed propeller enclosed in a large spinner. The turbojet unit is a Halford H-1B unit of British design manufactured by Allis-Chalmers. A distinctive feature of the XF15C-1 is the location of the horizontal tail surfaces (believe it or not!) on top of the fin. A tricycle landing gear is used with the nose gear folding rearward and the main gear folding inboard into the wing centersection. The pilot is located in a bubble canopy. Three of the unorthodox fighters have been built for the Navy for experimental purposes and no plans for production have been announced.

THE LONG-AWAITED Ryan Super Fireball has been revealed as a standard FR-1 fighter with a turboprop unit mount-(Turn to page 84)

RETRACTING SINGLE LEG UNDERCARRIAGE

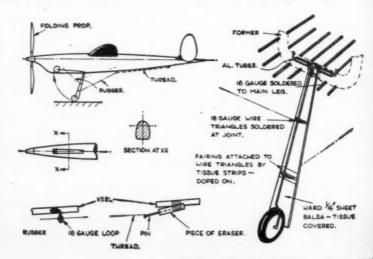
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placed in this condition on the ground and takes off in the usual manner. All the time the pin at the tail is gradually being pulled out of the india rubber by the rear rubberband. Finally it comes free and the leg is pulled forward and up into the fuselage by the front band. Meanwhile the pin on the end of the piece of thread is brought to a stop when it reaches a small wire loop set midway up the fuselage. When retracted the hole in the fuselage is covered by a door fitted to the undercarriage leg. The only external mechanism left is that of the rubberband and thread.

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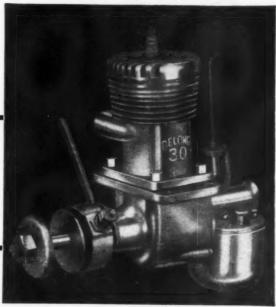
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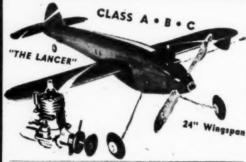
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Latest exponent of the "prototype" free flight gassie to step forward and declare himself in no uncertain terms is the well-known model builder and flyer, Jack Luck of Montreal. Mr. Luck is well known to Model. Airplane News readers as the designer of some outstanding craft. He is an industrial designer by profession and an individual to be reckoned with when it comes to reasons why models do or do not perform and just what makes a model behave.

This Canadian expert comes out flatfoot-edly and says the current regulations are downright unworkable and even dangerous. With the advent of the more powerful post-war engines, designer Luck contends that wing and power loadings should be raised— and immediately!

It is a fact that a number of discerning activity leaders and well known designers have been thinking along the same lines. Although the actual thinking of the A.M.A contest board is not known at the time this contest board is not known at the time this written, it is a matter of record that some members have been advocating a steppedup requirement for the larger size models. Proponents of increases mention 30, 90, and 100 ounces per cubic inch for Class A, B, and C power loadings respectively, and 7, 8 and 9 ounces per 100 square inches of wing loading. loading.

The Northwest gas clubs are already flying with 120 oz. per cu. in., but reports indicate that models still continue to go out of sight. It's a lot like the weather—everybody talks about the subject but nobody ever runs comparative contests.

But back to Jack Luck and his idea that what this country and Canada need are more realistic-looking models. Of course, in this age of supersonic experimentation it is somewhat difficult to predict what next year's aircraft will look like, so maybe there are arguments against conventionality, too. However, it must be conceded that a lot of model aeronauts are turning to scale model craft flown on control line so obviously the trend is in that direction. Frankly, we can think of nothing finer than to see a slick scale model take off. circle around the "pilot" and go into a series of stunt maneuvers. That's what we call real modeling. And if the other fellow want to continue with free flight—why, let them set the wing up off the fuselage on a step ladder if they so desire.

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Of course when Jack mentions the safety angle he gets our attention, because a num-ber of folks have been plugging safe flying

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CORRECTION!

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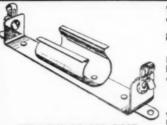
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gradually and became airborne. "Like a
transport," he said.

Ah, the good old days.

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A VAST nationwide program of model contest and club sponsorship has been launched by the American Legion, and it represents one of the most comprehensive plans for the development of model aviation ever attempted.

The Legion entered the air-modeling picture through the efforts of the Institute of Air Age Activities. The veterans organization "will sponsor local, county, district, state, regional and national model airplane contests under rules and sanction of the A.M.A. of Washington, D.C."

Initial Legion announcement set forth its plan stating: "The American Legion believes that through this nationwide model airplane program it can provide wholesome activities for at least 5,000,000 teen-age boys. Any boy with a jack knife and Is cents can participate. The program will include building of control line and free flying plane models. It will include rubber-powered models, hand-launched, and tow-launched gliders. There will be 14 different events."

Where existing sponsorship is available to local and state meets, the Legion will assist if the currently active leaders desire. Where no organized meets have been held, it will initiate competition and provide

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prizes. Expense-paid trips to the National meet are a feature of the nationwide plan. These trips will go to state champions who will compete in the National finals the third week in August. By the time this reaches print the locale of the meet will probably have been definitely decided upon.

AMERICAN MODEL AVIATION lost one of its great leaders last January when Glen Rymer of Akron, Ohio, was killed in an airline crash in Virginia. Sadly enough, Mr. Rymer was flying to Miami, Fla., to codirect the winter control line championships there. He had been the sparkplug behind a revitalized model aircraft program in Akron and around him had rallied many former leaders and champion flyers. Last September in Wichita at the annual meet-

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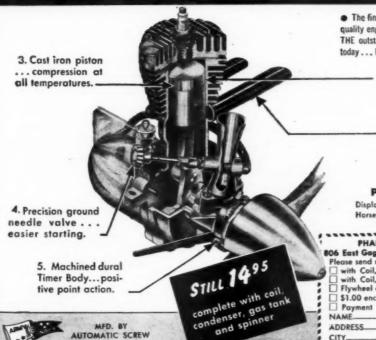
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THIS month we are going to give some unsung heroes a boost. In California the sunshines all winter long (so our earnest Chamber of Commerce says) hence there isn't much activity out here that is driven indoors. Therefore, if a model fan goes to the extreme trouble of making an indoor job, we believe he is a hero.

For years there hasn't been a decent indoor location in or near Los Angeles where this exacting work could be carried on. San Francisco, Oakland and San Diego all have

by JOHNNY DAVIS

handicapping the experts has been brought forth. It simply consists of cutting down the top man's engine run a second each time he places first in a contest. This would work as follows: John Doe wins first place with a state of the place with a state o as follows: John Doe wins first place with a what-zit powered by a what-you-may-call-it. On the winning flight he used a 20 second motor run. This is duly recorded. At the next contest his engine run is cut down one or possibly two seconds, thus theoretically cutting down his amount of suds and making the best week to the contest of t ing him work to beat the other boys. After



The famous "Hatchetmen," Ed Abacharie and Don Gulotta, who won event and have been strong winners since Western Open Team

some place to fly, yet the highest flight times consistently come from the Los An-geles area. This fact has long baffled the experts who always try to figure the form sheet. But the answer seems to be . . . per-

severance.

This ability to stick with their slow-moving crates is just now about to pay off—in a big way, that is. If everything stays copisettie, the U. S. Naval Air Station at Santa Ana may become available to modelers in

Ana may become available to modelers in the Los Angeles area.

This Navy Station has, among its spacious acres, two of the biggest blimp hangars in captivity. The inside dimensions are 1000 ft. long, 500 ft. wide, and 186 ft. high, which is some pumpkins for indoor flyers. All they need is about 200 sq. ft. of that floor space and—Easterners look out for indoor records, tool

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There has been some activity all winter in places like the National Guard Armory with a 04 ft. ceiling, and the Angelus Temple which has a high ceiling but has seats all over—however, with a beautiful spot like the blimp hangars, those microfilm jobs would never come down.

Credit for pushing a lot of the indoor builders into motion goes to Bill Atwood and Art Snyder, two of the real oldtimers. Frank Cummings, Don Donahue, Bob Holland and Ted Just are the boys who are right at the top of the ladder in flight times.

Those interested in doing this type of work should contact any of the above menioned fellows for information as to time,

tioned fellows for information as to time, place and location of their various flying sites for the present.

Last week we ran across a new trend for free flight handicapping. In the California area—and we presume this is prevalent any place in the country where many free-flight contests are held within a given area—the same names appear in the winner's circle with monotonous regularity. Somehow the same guys always pop up to grab a trophy. In order to add more interest an idea for

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he has fallen below third place for two consecutive contests he may be restored to his original motor run length, or if he keeps winning he keeps getting cut down.

So far as we can see this idea has merit, but it hasn't been thought out far enough. For instance, we can see the old hotshot boys "pointing" for the big contests by getting heat in the two or three preceding conboys "pointing" for the big contests by getting beat in the two or three preceding contests and then coming up on the big day with a full 20 second run against a plainly inferior airplane which, because its owner hadn't figured ahead, is now handicapped with an 18 second run.

Nope, the idea is fine but it doesn't go far enough. We would rather see another set of classes started which would automatically advance each contestant by his ability, the

classes started which would automatically advance each contestant by his ability, the same way the A.A.U. works. In the Amateur Athletic Union, an athlete who, shall we say, is twelve years old, is a junior. But after he has won the junior event just once, he becomes a senior in that event. If he wins the senior event just once, even if he still is twelve years old, he now competes against the open class. If he still wins, he steps into the highly expert professional (Turn to page 14)



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Old timer Zip Grandell with beautiful all metal P51 built with Pete Engel. Motor is an original design .60 which turns the large prop at about 10,000 rpm

(Continued from page 12) class and usually is considered tops. However, being hot on the right day to beat a senior or open athlete is quite a problem and usually takes a few years.

The big advantage for this type of grouping is that it is a great leveler of ability in

ing is that it is a great leveler of ability in any one class.

In the junior class every contestant will be competing against someone else who has never won a first place in junior competition. Therefore, you would have a "new name" winner at each contest.

The same would be true of the senior and the open class. The only class which could be tied up at all would be the expert or proclass, and when you get a bunch of experts together anyone can catch a thermal.

We would appreciate comment on this type of ability rating, and if anybody

type of ability rating, and if anybody should try it out we will be glad to publish the result

While we are on the rules question, here is one for you control-line speed fans to mull over. How about breaking up the racing classes into sleeve-bearing and ball-

racing classes into sleeve-bearing and ball-bearing classes?
In other words, there are lots of fellows who have sleeve-bearing engines who would probably like to race just as much as the fellows who have the superhot ball-bearing engines. However, it is a little silly to race an engine with a sleeve-bearing against a ball-bearing hot shot. Everything being equal, the ball-bearing engine will just naturally walk away from the sleeve-bearing job because of the power lost due to friction in the sleeve-bearings. By the same token, the sleeve-bearing engine is generally speaking, ten to twenty dollars chaper than the rugged customer with ball-bearings.

Just the same, whether a fellow has an enlarged pocketbook or a shrunken one the urge is still there to race against competition, and there is no reason why a modeler should be barred by the size of his pocketbook.

'47 NATIONALS!

JUST as we go to press, we hear officially that the big event this year will be held Aug. 18 to 22 at Min-neapolis, Minn. See further details of this flash in the May issue of MODEL AIRPLANE NEWS.

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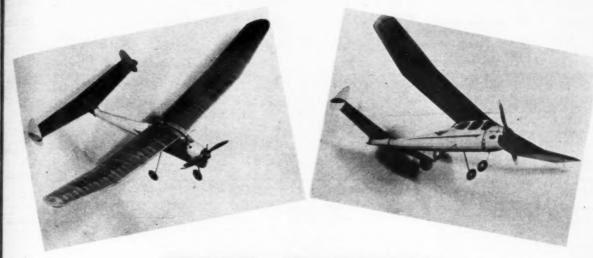
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THE GHOUL

by DON McGOVERN

IN THIS issue we shall endeavor to fill the gap that exists between the pylon type contest designs and the more realistic or semi-scale models. With the rules specifying that the model be of the cabin type, and weighing not less than 7 oz. per hundred sq. in., it is evident that the familiar contest design with a light wing loading and high pylon is efficient but illegal.

The Ghoul is an attempt to meet and utilize these rules to the greatest advantage, incorporating both realism and contest performance in a graceful stable design. An attempt was also made to break the usual monotony in the appearance, hence the twin V tail and the optional tricycle landing gear. The present wing loading requirements permit additional strength in the framework and extra batteries if so desired.

If your Class B engine is collecting dust, it's high time you pulled out the razor blades and dried up glue and started

The first necessary step in constructing the Ghoul is enlarging the plans to full size. This often discourages some, but it shouldn't because there is nothing difficult in the procedure. Both plates are drawn to 1/4 scale and may readily be enlarged with a pair of dividers. For the rudder outline and the fuselage sideview, the page can be ruled in 1/8" squares, corresponding to 1/2" squares on the full size drawings. This technique will enable you to reproduce the most difficult curves exactly. It may also be used on the wing ribs and wing tips.

The wing itself is laid out in the conventional manner so no trouble should develop. Note that the trailing edge is notched to receive the rib, thereby preventing the edge from buckling later when covered. Select only the straightest wood for the wing, using the heavier grades in the inside panels as they are subject to greater strain. If available, use quarter grain stock for the ribs. The centersection ribs are 1/16 in. undersize on top and bottom to allow for the sheet balsa. Cut all the wing gussets from 1/16 in. or 3/32 in. plywood. When joining the wing sections, sufficient glue saves trouble later.

On the other hand the stabilizer is not constructed in the usual way. Due to the symmetrical airfoil, it would be hard to construct it as a wing. Instead, lay out the leading and trailing edges and the spars as 1/8 in. squares. 1/16 in. x 1/8 in. strips are then butted to the 1/8 in. sq. spars. In other words, the stabilizer is first constructed in a flat plane; later the spars are laminated with 1/8 in. square stock above and below, tapering toward the tips. Sheet wood caps are then glued over the 1/16 in. x 1/8 in. and then cut to the proper airfoil. An advantage of this type of construction lies in its resistance to warps due to the laminated construction.

laminated construction.

A 7 degree V is added before joining the two sections with a plywood gusset. Again the centersection is planked. The rudders are cut from medium grade 1/16 in. sheet balsa, split and notched as indicated. They are not glued in their respective slots until the stabilizer has been covered and doped. A small trim tab may now be added with the aid of an aluminum hinge.

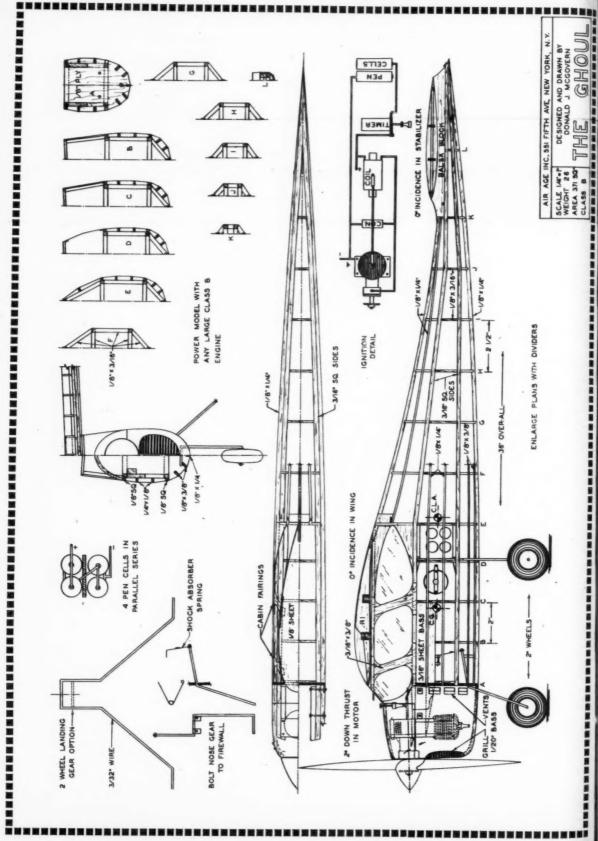
With the wing and tail assemblies out of the way we focus our attention on the fuselage. Actual construction begins with laying out the two sides of the body on the plan. Select longerons from medium grade balsa, testing each for warps and uniformity. At crossections E and J splicing is advisable, although not absolutely necessary. The motor mount bearers are

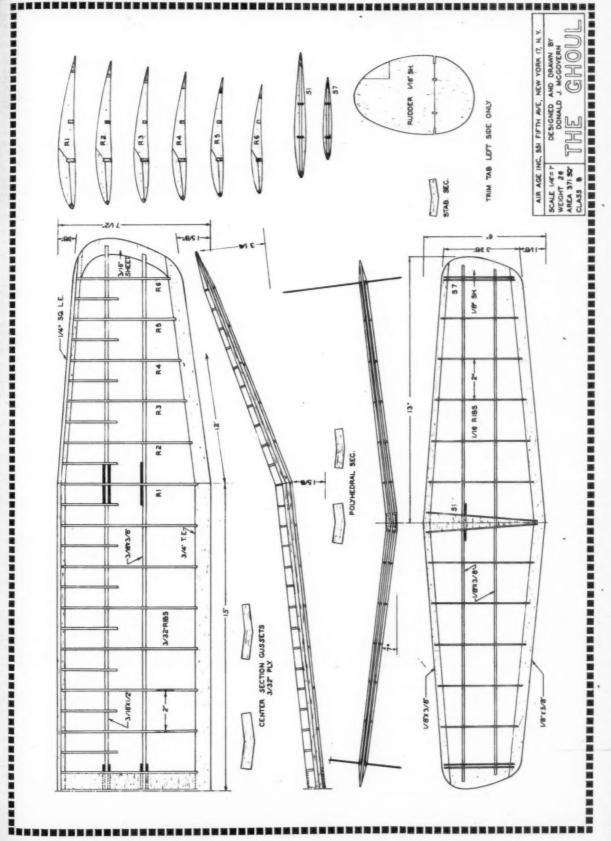
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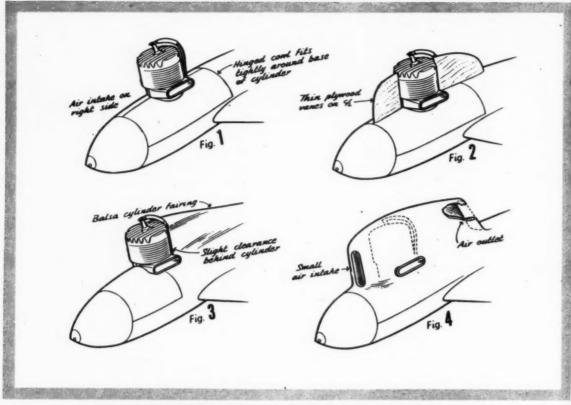












SPEED COWLS

The proper cowl may gain you that last extra mile of speed—study this discussion carefully

by H. A. THOMAS

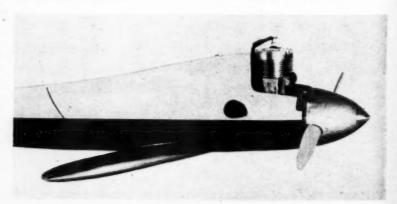
MODEL design, like that of full scale aircraft, is a case of constant compromise. One factor usually has to be sacrificed to some degree in order to achieve a desirable effect in another. The question concerning engine cowls as opposed to uncowled engines is essentially this: Does a completely cowled engine, considering the fact that frontal area is increased and there is a turbulent flow of air inside the cowl, actually pay dividends in speed over an engine closely cowled at the base but with the cylinder head exposed?

tageous for your own use.

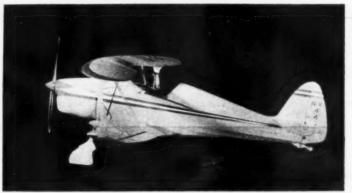
FIG. 1—First is the simplest of all: a neatly faired nose which allows only the exhaust port and the cooling fins to be exposed. Here the cylinder is just where the manufacturer meant it to be—in the air stream. We can be sure that there will be no problem of overheating, and we tolerate the turbulence behind the cylin-

der in order to get best cooling. The sparkplug is accessible here and the high tension lead fits closely behind the cylinder. A separate opening ought to be provided for carburetor air intake and to facilitate choking. The needle valve can extend through this same opening. The sketch suggests a divided cowl, hinged at the sides for access to the engine. Since the curve is essentially a simple one, the cowl might be a bent sheet of aluminum held in place by small screws.

FIG. 2—Next is a modification of the first and is of questionable value since it is based on theory alone. It has been used in the southwest, although we do not know whom to credit with its conception. Thin plywood fins or vanes, with sharpened edges, are mounted vertically in front of and behind the cylinder. The assumption is that these serve to reduce turbulence in the air flow by dividing it in front and at rear of the cylinder. It (Turn to page 44)



Metal fairing strips insure against distortion from tightened covering



Longitudinal striping emphasizes fuselage length



Silk covering with 15 coat finish calls for sturdy construction



The final lustre of the finish depends upon smoothness of surface

FINISH FIRST

In building your model do you consider its finish last? This author says it should be planned first

by FREDERICK K. HOWARD

ONE of the most critical phases of detailed scale model construction, particularly in the case of fabric covered models, is the finishing process. Exact detailed workmanship is often offset by an interior finish or by distortions of the structure from the finishing process. The importance of scale model finish has always been recognized but the relation of the structure to the finish, and the technique of scale model fabric work are subjects that heretofore have not been adequately treated.

The view that the finish of a detailed scale model is simply the last stage of construction and chiefly a matter of ingenuity takes more for granted than seems reasonable. Such a view suggests the use of the covering and finishing techniques followed in other types of model airplane construction, and while these techniques are satisfactory in some degree and do allow a finish of one kind or another, the results frequently leave much to be desired for the detailed scale model.

A fact of greatest importance is that scale models must be planned from the first with the definite idea of obtaining the type of finish precise craftsmanship deserves. This article is being written with the belief that more specific information on scale model fabric work will be helpful to many model builders.

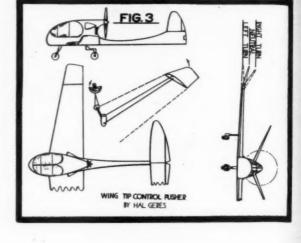
Builders of detailed scale models will for some time be faced with the problem of reproducing in miniature doped fabric structures. For although uses of fabric in the aircraft industry are declining due to the development of other covering materials, doped fabric covering still has many advantages principally in the personal plane field.

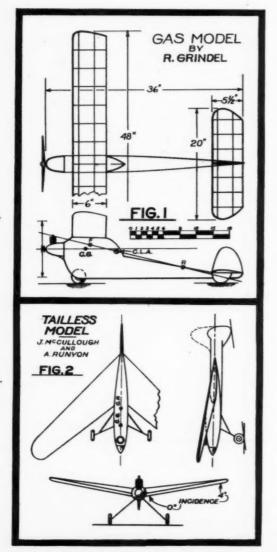
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Model builders are fortunate in having available covering materials which, when properly used, can duplicate in tautness, curvature and finish the fabric covering of full sized aircraft. Silk, for the scale model, remains tops for this purpose. Gas model type Silkspan paper is also highly satisfactory but does not possess the elasticity and durability of silk when finished.

Since model airplane silk has many of the characteristics of aircraft cotton fabric, it will benefit the scale modeler to understand something of the procedure followed in the fabric work of the aircraft industry. Many of the tricks and details of covering used in the aircraft industry can be adopted to advantage in the detailed scale model field. The aircraft industry in over 30 years' experience in fabric work has developed no significant shortcuts. It still remains a long process to turn a piece of cloth into a taut, mirror-smooth durable surface. Many model fans are unaware of the fact that the Howard aircraft, for example,







WHILE man was learning to fly during the 1800's, there were two schools of thought concerning the approach to the flight problem. One (of which Samuel Pierpont Langley was a prominent advocate) was the conception that a full scale airplane should be built inherently stable like a free flight model; stability being built into the airplane so that in normal flight the plane itself would recover from displacements or resist them so they would have no effect upon the attitude and direction of flight. Control by the pilot constituted guiding the airplane to the right or left, up or down, through some suitable means. With this idea as a basis, Langley built a number of large power driven models which flew successfully for more than half a mile. Obviously, to fly without a pilot these models were inherently stable.

The next remaining step was merely to build the plane larger so it would carry a pilot to guide it. This he did, but unfortunately through no fault of the airplane's aerodynamic design it was wrecked on launching when one of the wires caught in the launching apparatus. Because of lack of funds Langley was never able to prove his contention that an inherently stable airplane could be built and flown merely by guiding it.

The second school of thought attempted to bypass inherent stability, and to maintain stability in flight and guide the airplane by means of controls operated by the pilot. Here the only problem was to build an airplane capable of rising into flight; after that the pilot would not only guide it but would make necessary corrections when it was displaced from normal flight. This second course seemed much easier, and many gliders were built in order to establish an airframe or structure capable of flight.

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Montgomery and Lillienthal were the two chief glider experimenters before the Wrights. The Wrights powered their glider with a gasoline engine and attempted free flight. Unlike Langley's airplane, however, their machine was unstable and continuous correction through controls had to be made by the pilot to keep it right side up. In fact, anyone who has flown an old Wright Class B airplane really learned to fly—he did not merely ride in an airplane with the controls in his hands. Flight, having developed through this second line of approach, naturally progressed along this line in the years that followed. Designers since then have thought chiefly of controlling an airplane rather than making it inherently stable and

Flight, having developed through this second line of approach, naturally progressed along this line in the years that followed. Designers since then have thought chiefly of controlling an airplane rather than making it inherently stable and then guiding it. The demand for high speed, rather than safety through inherent stability, has also been largely responsible for this. Of course there have been many airplanes built which are extremely stable, but these were developed through modification of the second means and by improving the stability step by step of an original prototype design. In fact, many of the ways of producing stability in aircraft were first incorporated in free flight models and later adopted by full scale designers. This is true in almost every instance where stability of full scale airplanes has been improved.

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Only under the necessity of designing stable airplanes for average civilian pilots have full scale airplane designers increased inherent stability of aircraft so that it is unnecessary in such cases for the pilot to stabilize the plane through controls as well as guide it. Since the Wrights, model builders

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FLYABOUT

by ELBERT J. WEATHERS

Build this flying scale model which has the proportions to make it a real performer

HERE is a well designed pre-war American lightplane that lends itself admirably to model building. It was in the same category as the 40 hp Piper Cub, being of the same general dimensions and performance. The Flyabout had ample room for two people and a puppy—so stated Aircraft Mechanics, the manufacturer. Two powerplants were available: the Continental A40 of 38 hp, and the Szekely of 45 hp, as reproduced on this model. A few specifications covering the Szekely powered type are:

Wingspan
Wing loading 5.51 lbs. per sq. ft.
Net Weight590 lbs.
Climb rate
Overall length21 ft. 7 in.
Power loading21.8 lbs. per sq. ft.
Service Ceiling
Cruising speed75 mph
High Speed93 mph

The scale of the model is 1/20 full size. All balsa used should be of firm texture unless otherwise specified.

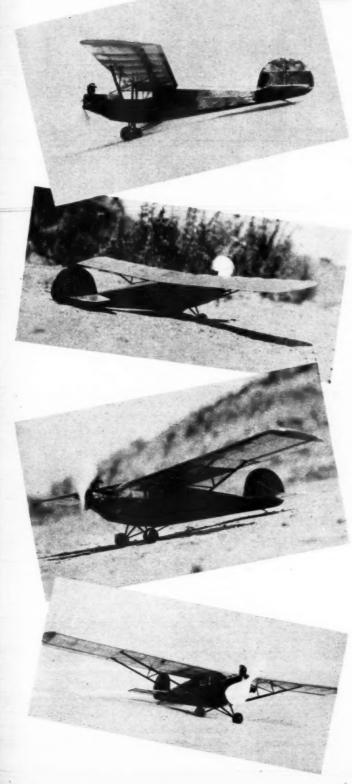
FUSELAGE—Begin by making the two side frames (shaded on drawing). Use 1/16" sq. and 1/16" x 3/32" for these. 1/16" x 1/8" stock is required for front portion of the lower longerons. Assemble the two frames in the usual way, first installing the crossin the usual way, first installing the cross-braces under the wing position. Notice that a few of the upper crossbraces, of 1/8" sq. balsa (between nose and rear of cabin), are set low to allow passage of the rubber motor. When the fuselage frame is completed to this point, cut out the required formers from 1/32" sheet balsa. Cement each in their re-spective positions. The 1/32" x 1/16" string-ers should now be put in the nose as well as the single stringer which runs along the centhe single stringer which runs along the center on the bottom.

Cover these areas with 1/64" sheet balsa, using three separate pieces in covering the bottom as shown. After cutting the rear rubber hook bulkhead to shape, bend the rear rubber motor hook from No. 15 piano wire and insert in the bulkhead, following with the placing of the unit in the fuselage frame at rear as shown.

.The nose block, of medium-hard balsa, is made next. It is simply cut to shape, plan and side views, and the resulting corners rounded off. Before cementing it against the fuselage frame, drill a hole for the propeller shaft to accommodate No. 15 piano wire. The front bearing is a dural aircraft type rivet, drilled for the same wire (running fit), and sunk in the nose block with cement in a

counter-drilled hole.

The dummy Szekely engine can now be made and cemented in place. Each of the three cylinder units are identical, being built up with small bits of balsa. Wrap each with wire or thread to represent the cooling fins. The exhaust stacks and tappet gear are merely lengths of balsa dowel assembled with cement. The two valve springs on each (Turn to page 85)



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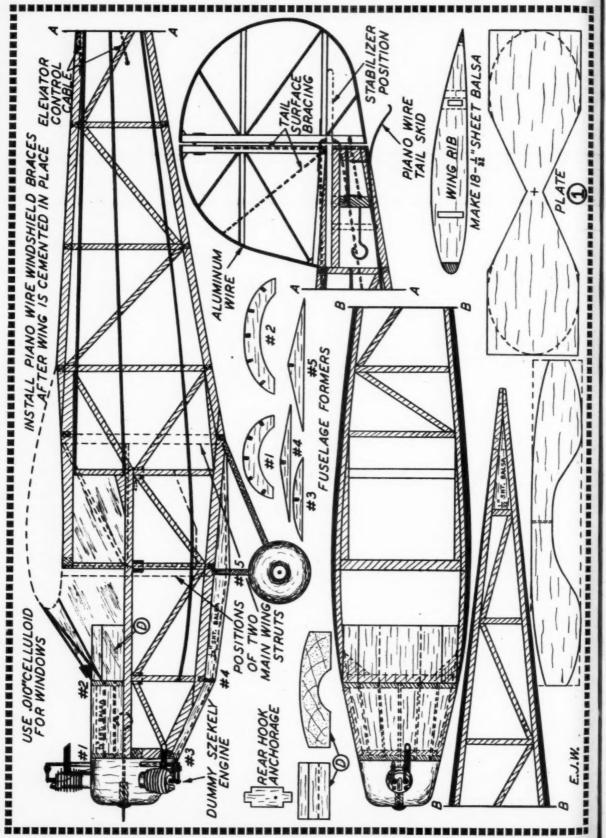
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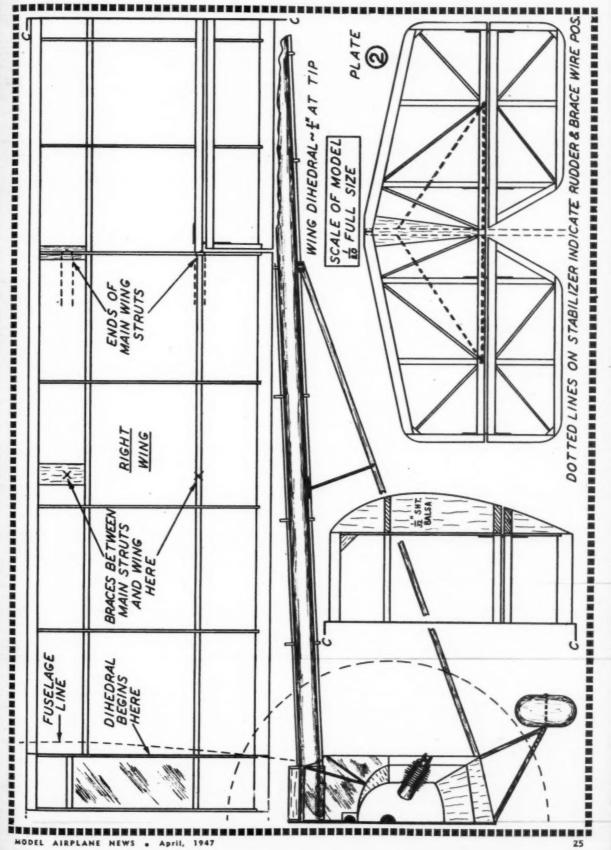
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PLANE ON THE COVER

The XJL-1 shortly after takeoff with the wheels partially folded



The figures give a good idea of the size of this new Navy amphibian



Extraordinary depth of fuscinge shows clearly in this side view



A closeup which will give the detail hounds plenty to work with

COMBAT aircraft may win wars, but a powerful lot of the winning is often done by the lowly "yard craft" of our aerial fleets. The trainers, transports and "train" craft are as essential to aerial warfare as the fighter and bomber, and on hundreds of occasions the arrival of a strategic repair part in the nick of time moved the victory closer. "For want of a nail" was a time-tested philosophy in cavalry days, but "for want of a bolt" proved just as true in World War II in which aerial battles were often won or lost on an airstrip in the Pacific or a desert base long before the squadron ever took off. That was the wartime role of the much maligned "utility" aircraft of Naval Aviation in World War II, and many's the fighter pilot who will say "Bless'em" as he recalls the arrival of a "windjammer" in the nick of time.

In peacetime the "J for Utility" often was painted on the rudder of any aircraft, regardless of type, that had grown old in the service and had been placed out to pasture, to serve out its enlistment as an errand boy. Once sleek multiengine patrol planes of the mid-thirties became "utilities" during the late thirties when the newer patrol-bombers came into service. Utility squadrons from coast to coast flew everything from Grumman fighters to Ford tri-motors in

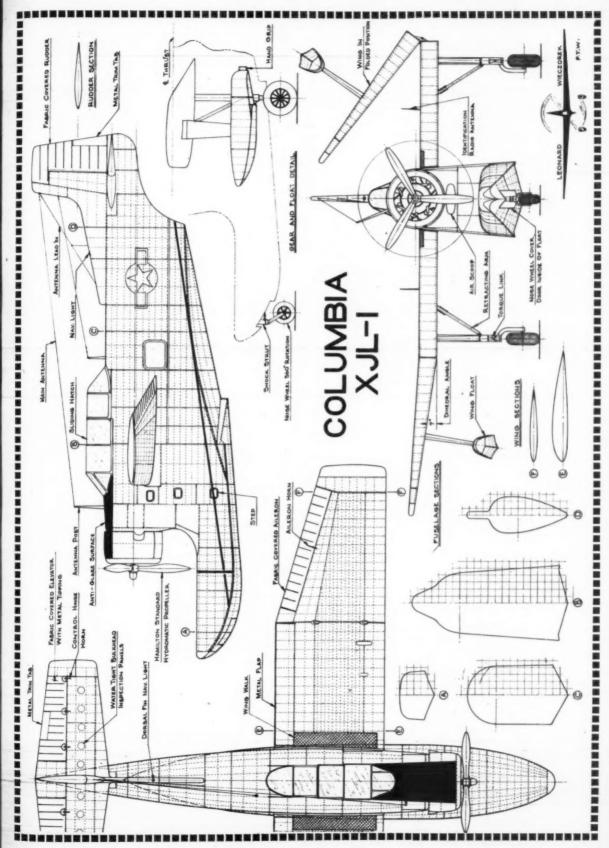
those days.

But the war changed all that and the word "utility" quickly became a carefully defined and exclusive term. For with Pearl Harbor came a new and vital function for the utility plane. Designed-for-the-purpose utility planes came into being and existing types went into quantity production. One of the best of these was the Grumman JZF Duck, a biplane amphibian which has always constituted one of the most challenging design problems in the aircraft industry book. Grover Loening pointed the way in the early twenties when he fashioned his famous "flying shoehorn," which solved the basic problem of the single engine amphibian: "Where will we put the engine?" And when in 1929 one of his most talented engineers, Leroy Grumman, resigned to start his own firm, the "flying shoehorn" idea migrated from Loening but with his blessing and (many say) financial support.

The Grumman XJF-1, a cleaned up Loening OL, stretched its wings for the first time in 1931 and announced the rebirth of the idea. The Navy took to the idea to the tune of over 300 of them in the following decade, with continuing im-

provements.

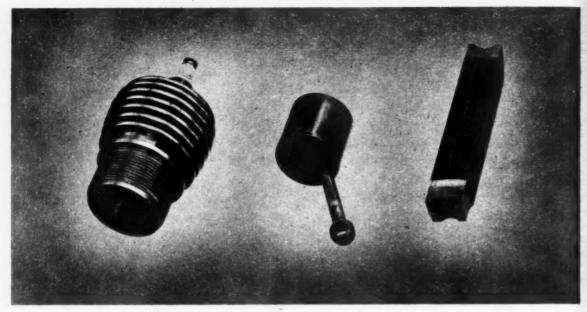
And Pearl Harbor made little difference to the "Duck"; the Navy wanted more of them! There were few engineers more surprised and chagrined by this order than Leroy Grumman, who was already at work on a single seat fighter eventually to become famous as the Hellcat! The Wildcats were flowing down Grumman production lines, the new Hellcat was being made ready for quantity production, and "Jake" Swirbul was begging and borrowing used steel to expand the Grumman plant—still the Navy wanted more



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At left is completed cylinder; center, assembled piston and connecting rod; at right, a special tool used to form balls on the connecting rod

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PART TWO by LOUIS GARAMI

Concluding instructions for building this fine little motor

HAVING covered construction of most of the basic parts of our two cycle motor, we have left only the cylinder, piston and connecting rod to be made plus a few finishing touches on other parts that were previously set aside. Let us start this month, therefore, with the most complicated part—the cylinder.

CYLINDER—This part is made of Meehanite, which is a cross between cast iron and steel; this material has a great advantage over steel when used for cylinders or pistons. Ninety percent of the pistons used in production engines are of Meehanite. If either piston or cylinder is made of this metal the fit between the two can be very close, in fact actually tight, without danger of scoring the surface or "picking up." This is a feature of all forms of cast iron which is porous and therefore can be compressed slightly. However, cast iron is not very strong when machined down to a thin section, as it should be in the case of model gas engines, and air bubbles sometimes make it full of small holes. Meehanite is much stronger and more uniform while retaining the good properties of cast iron; also it can be heat-treated to the hardness of steel if desired.

Mount the 1¼" diameter Meehanite so that you have about 2" sticking out of the chuck; more overhang than this is undesirable because for fin cutting the stock must be as rigid as possible. Turn



the piece down to 1-3/16" diameter for the full length; then turn the first half inch down to the size of the full thread, or 55/64". Now cut the thread on this portion very slowly, taking light cuts especially toward the finish because one-thousandth of an inch looseness in the thread feels as if it were 1/32". At the shoulder, cut in with the parting tool just deep enough to clear the thread and about 1/16" wide. The same thing can be done at the start of the thread—this will allow the cylinder to screw snugly into the crankcase.

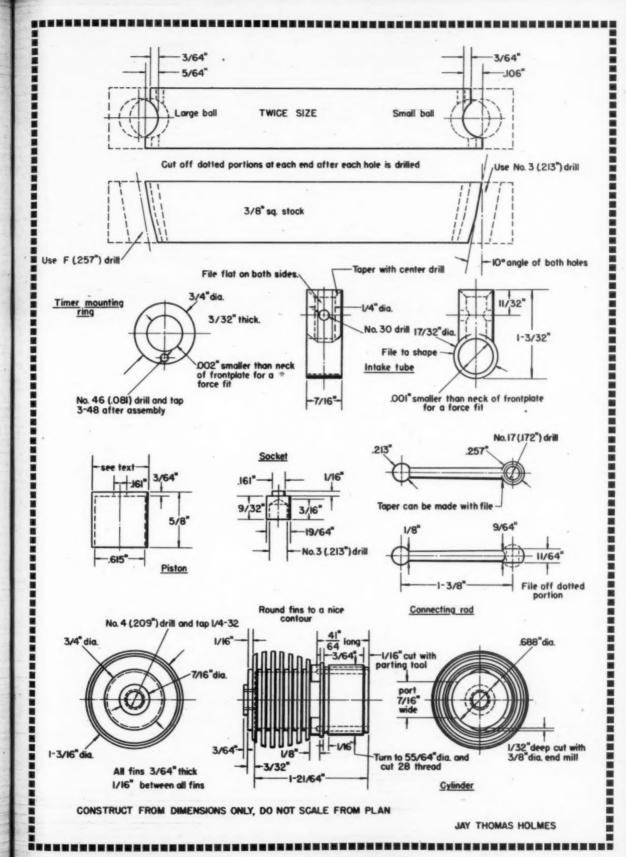
To make the fins, a 1/16" wide parting tool is used which should be able to go in about %" deep. If it is possible to move the compound rest freely with the tail stock so close, the Meehanite should be center drilled so that the tailstock center can be brought into use for extra support. On most lathes this is possible. The single fin below the exhaust port should be 3/64" thick; the space next to it for the port is %" wide and the diameter at this point is 55/64" (same as the full

thread). Naturally you will have to make two cuts with the parting tool to get the %" width. Next come seven fins each 3/64" thick, making a fin and a space about 7/64" altogether. The depth should be such that the diameter at the base of each fin is ¾" at each of the six spaces. The two small steps at top of the head should not be cut at this time as we must keep the piece strong until the hole is bored out and finished.

Drill a hole about 2" deep into the piece with a No. 4 drill (209) which is the tap drill for the ¼-32 thread of the sparkplug. Now use progressively larger drills up to %" to remove most of the metal before the boring tool is employed. Depth of the cylinder bore is 1-21/64". This and other measurements of the cylinder should be kept quite close because the compression ratio and the location of the bypass and exhaust depends on them; inaccuracy may lead to trouble later. A few thousandths here and there will not matter, but more than that may add up into a sizeable discrepancy. The hole should be finish-bored to .687" with a boring tool whose cutting edge is almost parallel to the surface so that it will take a shaving cut.

If you have a tool-post grinder, set it in place and take a cut of about a half thousandth through the bore with a % or ½" diameter wheel and run it back and forth 4 or 5 times without changing the adjustment. This will suffice to glaze up the cylinder surface and give it fine wearing quality. If you have no tool-post grinder, make a short cast iron or brass lap and work over the surface using the finest lapping compound you can obtain. Do not overdo this as the cylinder metal gets charged up with compound so that it will emit this material from its pores long after it has been thought to be clean. In any case when the surface looks smooth, wipe the barrel and the lap clean

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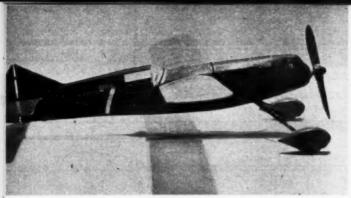
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No. 1 This rubber speed ship by Alan S. Reed is realistic as well as fast



No. 2 Note finish on this Sirius by J. C. "Madman" Yates



No. 3 Victor G. Mathern built this Waco U-Control ship



No. 4 Fokker DB from Sweden by Rigo Lindgren has diesel motor



No. 5 Super Buccaneer sent from England by R. Fowler has been rebuilt for the coming season

AIRWAYS

News of model airplane experimenters from all over the world



No. 6 Free flight gassie SES by John E. Cleland No. 7 Franco B. Cipres built this bipe in Mexico



No. 8 Class B indoor cabin ship won AMA record of almost 18 m. for Pete Andrews

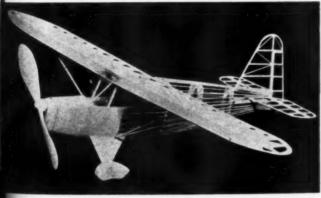




No. 9 All-time fuvorite ship of Ray Daniel is this Class A control liner



No. 10 Highly successful .199 diesel was designed and build by John Mosca



No. 11 D. F. Galasneau sent shot of Rearwin Speedster before covering No. 12 Two Ohisson 23's power this beautiful B25 by Warren R. Watson



A IRWAYS PICTURES. A letter from David Blodgett of Carthage, N. Y., tells of his great interest in "Airways" and suggests that more material for this feature might be sent in if a small prize were offered for pictures that are printed. To reassure Dave, and those other readers who have not heard of our offer, may we say that each correspondent who sends in a picture used on this page will receive a free year's subscription to MODEL AIRPLANE NEWS (present subscribers will receive an additional 12 issues).

This policy has been in effect for some time and has resulted in our receiving far more photos than we can use. Unfortunately, many of the pictures sent are totally unfit for reproduction—so we request readers to study carefully the remarks on preparation of these shots on pg.

29 of the August 1946 issue.

While the free subscription is a good break for readers in this country, it is much more so for those who reside in other parts of the world. Many of our foreign readers tell us that even though they have the money, it cannot be sent to us because of currency restrictions. We hope such readers will take the hint and send in plenty of good shots of their latest work.

THE BREWER AWARD. As many readers have undoubtedly heard, the Frank G. Brewer Trophy—awarded annually to the individual who has contributed the most during the year in the furtherance of air age education for young people—was given last December to Frank E. Sorenson, a member of the teaching staff at the University of Nebraska. In a recent communication, Mr. Sorenson stresses that air age education in this country has progressed rapidly since 1941—when it was, except in isolated instances, very sketchy—to the present when it has "—definite implications for every teacher and every pupil."

He also points out that the nation must overcome the problem arising from the fact that young people must be educated in the implications of the air age by teachers who have never experienced air travel. He concludes with the thought that education in the field must accompany the technical advancements now coming so rapidly.

EAST-WEST CHALLENGE. While no new plans have been formulated for this great control line battle, a development has entered the picture that probably needs a little comment.

We received a letter from Edward L. Brown of the Torque Jockeys, Urbana, Ill. who feels rather badly that the Middle West was not included in the challenge issued by the Eastern flyers. He takes this as a personal slight to the modelers in his area.

Let us hasten to assure Mr. Brown, and spokesmen for other groups or areas, that such a thought never entered the minds of Tom Herbert and his Eastern cohorts when

the challenge was issued.

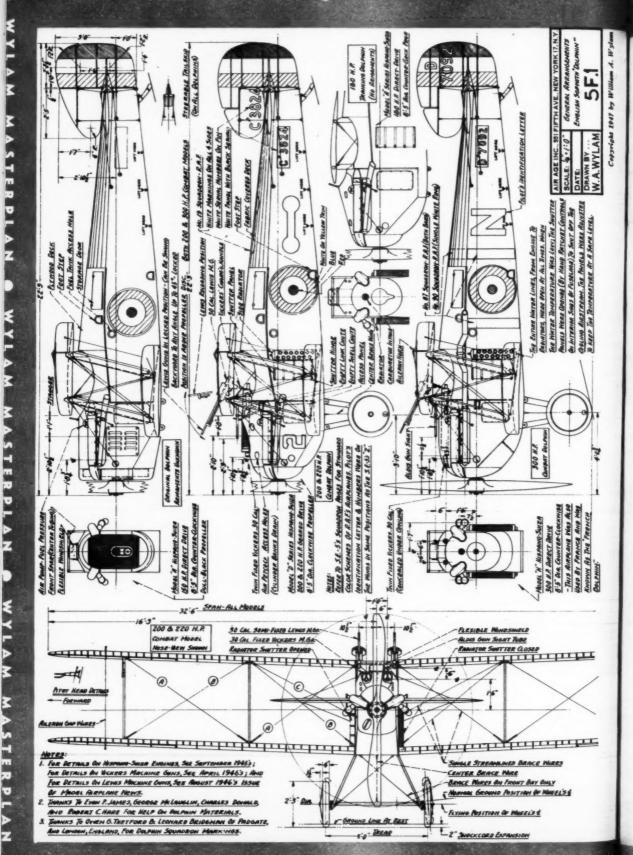
The background for this challenge has been building up for a year or more and has been based on styles of flying, types of pylons used, the art of "whipping," and other problems of control line flying. Actually, though termed an East-West match, the scheduled contest is between rather small areas. In the East, most of the interested parties are located within less than 100 miles of New York City; in the West the hot flyers involved are concentrated in the lower half of California. Thus it would probably have been wiser to define the groups more accurately.

Events were building up to a good climax last summer—what with claims, counterclaims, strongly expressed doubts and so on, until with the Nationals approaching everyone expected a fine clash between the two groups on the neutral ground of Kansas. However, the big battle did not ensue because the Easterners were not fortunate enough to have a local "Ohlsson and Rice Express." For this and other reasons they couldn't get to Wichita. Their non-appearance was at once construed by some zealous but unthinking Western supporters as due to a wide yellow streak. It was to prove this untrue that the challenge was issued.

So we ask all flyers in other areas not to feel they have been slighted, but to watch the coming event as interested spectators from the sidelines. After all, the East-West Challenge fly-off will be followed by the Nationals; it is quite possible that the winner at the Nationals may be a Midwesterner, a Southerner, or perhaps a Canadian. So let our East-West groups have their fun, then the other groups can go gunning for the winner at the Nats!

1947 NATIONALS. While the time and place of the Nationals for this year have not been definitely announced at the time this is written, it is now official that the Nats as well as the preliminary meets to be held locally will be

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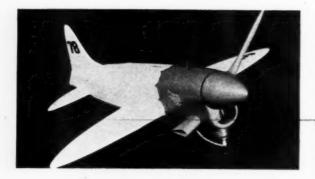
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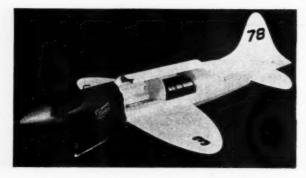
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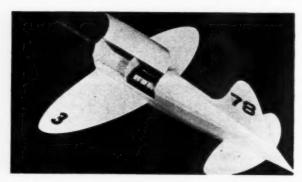
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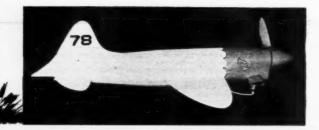
POLE CAT











by FRANK EHLING

THE Pole Cat was a product of our experience gained in U Control, but it was not flown the normal way. It had all its time on the end of a line anchored to a 40 foot pole set in the ground. In this way the ship was flown round and round without any danger of a crackup; and here we learned that a one blade high pitch prop was the real thing.

The partly cowled engine was the best bet because it enabled us to cool the engine and streamline the accessories. Thin wing and tail surfaces were used because they gave least drag. The entire ship was polished to reduce drag as much as possible. The large aluminum cowl to gain access to the ignition is very welcome as it provides accessibility to the batteries with little trouble.

The first model of this ship was never flown. However, the second one was built to the same plan and it had a chance at this new method of flying. Everyone who saw her perform was on the waiting list for the original plan.

To start this Cat, enlarge the plan to full size using a pair of dividers; this should be done with care because the whole ship's performance depends on it. After the plan is drawn to required size, lay out the crutch atop the plan and cement the engine bearers in place. Now cement formers in; start at the rear and work forward. Make sure to get them all in their correct places and to cement them well.

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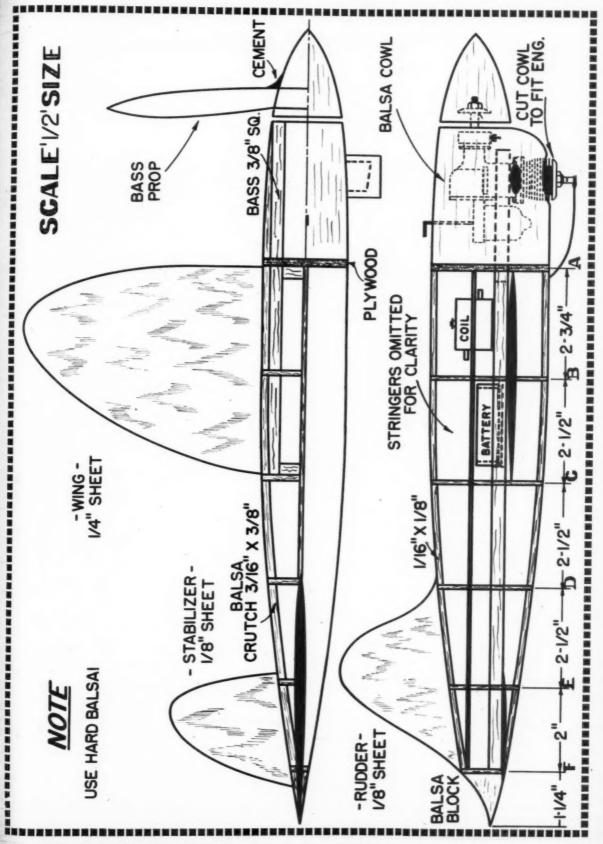
The tail block is now fastened in place. Add the cowl blocks to the fuselage; however, cement them in place lightly as they are to be removed and hollowed out after they are shaped. The job can be simplified by making the spinner and cementing in place. Now, using the firewall (former A) as a guide and carving from it to the spinner, form the cowl to correct shape. The large exhaust stack helps the engine expel burned gases, a gain in engine performance over the drag set up by it; the stack can be made of sheet brass or tin from a can.

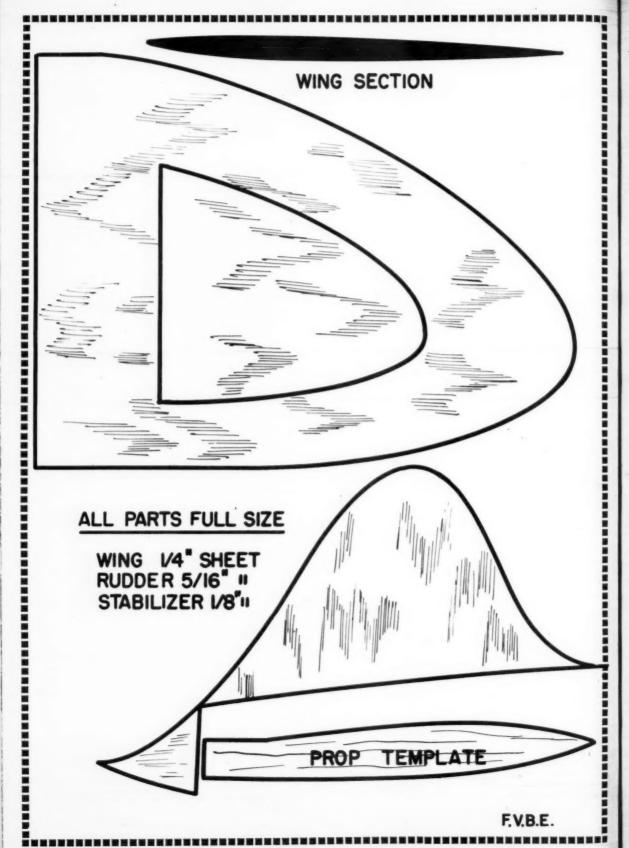
The tail surfaces should be of hard balsa; they can thus be made thin and yet will not warp when doped. After they are cut out and sanded to shape, cement in place. Set both at 0° to the thrust line.

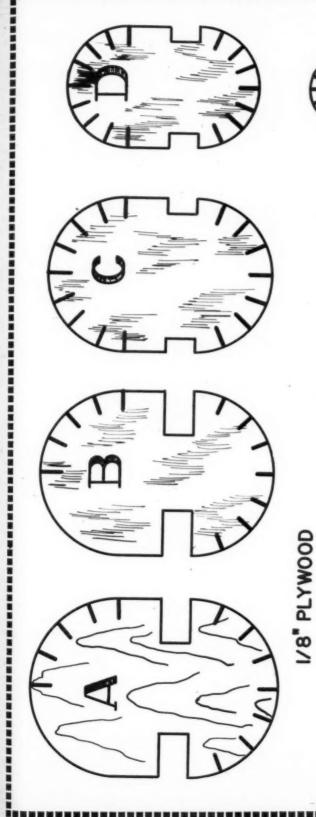
Choose a straight-grained piece of stock for the wing and cut it to the crossection shown. A good job will result if you take it easy and cut a little at a time. Be careful to sand the surface with the grain, otherwise you will cut the grain. Give the wing several coats of wood filler, being sure to sand between coats and ending with No. 9-0. Now cement the wing to lower part of the crutch between formers A and C with 0° incidence.

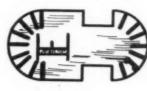
Cement stringers to the formers. They should be of very hard balsa—1/16" x 1/8"—or pine, which prevents the paper from sagging between formers. By wrapping a pencil with sandpaper and sanding lengthwise between stringers when smoothing the formers, the covering will not be able to adhere to them and a much neater job will result.

The ignition can now be installed. A timer is optional—the ship can fly and fly on its pole and no one will get tired. However, install the ignition equipment so as to get the ship to balance at 50% (Turn to page 58)











UNLESS NOTED CUT ALL FORMERS FROM

3/32" BALSA.





ALL PARTS FULL SIZE

SPINNER TEMPLATE

F.V.B.E.

ORLD

by ROBERT C. HARE

DURING the morning of August 21, 1918 a flight of five planes from the 35th Bavarian Staffel began a usual patrol of its part of the Arras district. As the Staffel's fighters climbed through the cloudless blue sky, a battle to the death was raging on the ground below. Canadian troops were beginning a drive that was to be one of the decisive operations of the First World War. Air activity of course was high. Allied aircraft seemed to be everywhere-patrolling, photographing, spotting artillery and reporting German movements back to corps headquarters.

Actually the 35th Staffel's leader, Ober-leutnant Stark, had little interest in what was going on below. His concern was how to effectively carry out his patrol in a sky full of planes, the majority of which wore the bright red, white and blue insignia of the R.A.F. What worried Stark most as his flight approached the Front was a British type he did not immediately recognize. To him it appeared strangely huge for a single seater; very ugly compared to an S.E.5. The new type seemed to have been bashed on its

upper wings by some unseen force.

But German intelligence had informed staffel leaders like Stark well. As the new British ships moved in overhead preparing to dive on his little flight, he saw for the first time their pronounced negative stagger, recognized them immediately as Sopwith Dolphins, a type new to his area. Drawing his men into a tight circle, Stark waited for the attack. Seconds later the Dolphins came screaming down in single file, each firing a long burst as it came, then zooming back to its original altitude. The Dolphin pilots pre-ferred to try out their new mounts cautiously, the usual practice during an initial operational flight with a new type. To this neither Stark nor his men objected because their intelligence had reported some quite startling details regarding performance and characteristics of the Dolphin. What the 35th Staffel group saw was enough to convince them that reports had been correct; that here indeed was a formidable new opponent.

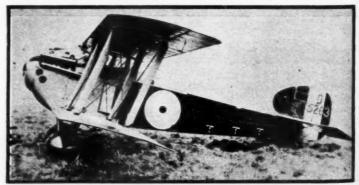
Doodles and Visibility

The Sopwith Dolphin was an interesting example of a design which defied tradition in order to achieve an end result. Primary consideration was visibility for the pilot, characteristic that had been only partly (Turn to page 74)





(Above) Prototype had nose radiator, Camel rudder. (Below) Note stock model cha



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by EDWARD G. INGRAM

Motors listed herein have reached the market since those covered in our December 1946 issue

INFORMATION about the construction, dimensions, and performance of 19 new makes and models of engines for model planes is presented in this article, which is supplementary to the one published in the December 1946 issue in which data on 51 current engines were shown. Hardly a month goes by but what at least one new model engine is introduced. Some manufacturers, however, have had difficulty in getting into active production because of business conditions and materials shortages. This probably explains why it has been difficult to obtain detailed information about certain recently announced engines.

Designed to operate on high octane aviation gasoline, outstanding features of the Orr 65 racing engine (a product of a hichigan manufacturer) include high power output to weight, the provision of a ball-bearing rotary disk valve—an innovation in model engine design—and an alloy steel crankshaft supported on two ball bearings. The manufacturer states that the rating of .85 hp at 13,500 rpm was obtained through comparative tests with other engines, use of propellers of various pitches, and a tachometer, and that additional data will be supplied when further tests are completed.

The engine has a bare weight of 13-1/2 oz. Contributing to the high power output is the high compression ratio of 12.50 to 1, and the provision of two rings on the aluminum alloy piston to minimize gas leakage and insure high compression.

It is reported that after a four hour test at full power the engine showed no sign of failure or falling off in output. Like several other makes of model engines intended for use in racing cars and

boats, as well as for model planes, sand castings are used extensively in construction of the Orr 65, this method of fabrication being employed for the cyl-inder, cylinder head, crankcase and pis-ton. While engines made from sand castings tend to be slightly heavier than those constructed from die castings, the manufacturer of the Orr appears to have aimed at keeping the weight low through compact design, the crankcase in particular being unusually small for an engine that is somewhat larger in displacement than most Class C engines. Low engine weight is not so important in engines for model cars and boats where the main object is to attain maximum power to piston displacement, but it is a desirable characteristic for airplane engines when it can be achieved without loss of efficiency and reliability.

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ENGINE DIMENSIONS AND PERFORMANCE DATA

One component of the Orr engine that is not sand cast is the connecting rod, which is 24S-T aluminum alloy forging with an Oilite bronze bearing mounted in the lower end. The cylinder, which is bolted to the crankcase, is supplied with a Mechanite iron liner. Both bore and stroke of the cylinder are 15/16 in, which makes the displacement .64T cu. in. The cylinder head is lapped to the cylinder to insure a good fit, and is attached with screws.

A special impeller for supercharging is a feature of the Class C Thunderbird, which is built in Arizona by Scott Motors Inc. As an additional aid to high volumetric efficiency, dual intake and exhaust ports are provided; combined width of the two exhaust ports is 1-3/8 in. The supercharger impeller is swaged and induction brazed to the special shaft-type rotary valve located at rear of the cran The unit is driven by means of an extension pin on the crankshaft which extension pin on the crankshaft which engages with the impeller. The cam for operating the breaker points is ground on the valve shaft. It is pointed out that because of the high speeds at which model engines run the direct driven impeller operates at about as high rpm as the geared supercharger impellers of large eircraft engines. For example, when a Pratt & Whitney 1200 hp aircraft engine with a supercharger impeller gear ratio of 7.15 to 1 is operating at the cruising speed of 2000 rpm the impeller is turning 14,300 rpm. It is stated that using special fuel the Thunderbird will turn 11,000 to 12,500 rpm, and an estimated 14,000 rpm when the model is airborne, so that the speed at which the impeller operates is about the same as that of the large aircraft engine impeller.

It may be pointed out that the meaning of the term "supercharging" as used in connection with model two-cycle engines must be regarded as somewhat narrower than that applied to four-cycle engines. Since the combustion chamber intake and exhaust ports of a conventional two-cycle engine are open at the same time, it is obviously impossible to force into the cylinder a charge greater than the volume of the combustion chamber, for the excess fuel mixture would pass out of the exhaust port. Forced induction, however, may aid in delivering a nearer to maxi-mum charge where the charging time interval is short (that is, at high engine speeds) by increasing the flow of the fuel mixture through passages that are nec-essarily somewhat restricted. Increasing the crankcase compression ratio should produce a similar result, that is, increase the volumetric efficiency, but the degree of crankcase compression that can be attained in this way is limited by construc-tional considerations. In both two- and four-cycle engines an impeller aids in diffusing the fuel mixture.

The Thunderbird is provided with a metal instead of a plastic tank to permit operation on an alcohol-ether mixture. Both the spark and mixture controls are located at rear of the engine for convenient operation. Steel is used for the cylinder and, of course, for the ball-bearing crankshaft. The other important engine components are aluminum alloy die castings, including the piston which has two rings, and the connecting rod which has bronze bushings. The compression ratio is 6 to 1 and the engine weight 13 oz.

Described as a competition engine designed with one object, that of optimum performance, the Hassad, which has a displacement of .605 cu. in., is claimed to develop the remarkably high output of 1-1/8 brake hp at 19,900 rpm. Designed by Ira J. Hassad, it is stated to incorporate what is termed "resonic" timing, a feature said to have been developed

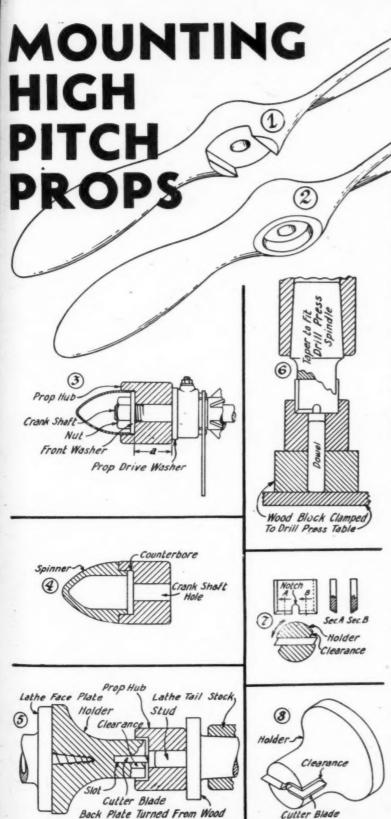
through laboratory research work, exhaustive trials and the cooperation of physicists. It is hoped some information about this timing principle and the (Turn to page 54)



This is the Cameron "23"

K & B Torpedo of .299 cu. in.





by RAY RUSHER

THE majority of prop manufacturers shape a high pitch prop so that the hub is thin enough to fit dimension A, in No. 3 of drawing herewith, between the prop drive washer and the front washer under the crankshaft nut of most engines. The modeler who carves his own prop by the method described in July 1943 issue of MODEL AIRPLANE NEWS starts with a prop blank that is too thick for this dimension.

The usual remedy is to notch the hub as in No. 1. This weakens the hub considerably, however, and spoils fairing. A much better method is to counterbore the front of the hub so the front washer can be countersunk in the hub as in No. 3. The appearance and design are much better as will be obvious by comparing No. 2 with 1. This method also permits convenient use of a spinner of metal, or turned wood or balsa as shown in Nos. 3 and 4 respectively.

First secure a smaller front washer than the size usually furnished with the engine. An ordinary iron washer 3/4" in diameter for a 1/4" shaft is about right. Then proceed to make a special counterboring tool (see No. 8) to fit your lathe or drill press as shown in Nos. 5 and 6 respectively. The tool is merely a cutter blade and a holder for it is turned from wood, preferably maple. The holder has a slot in its working end to frictionally receive the cutter blade. The blade can be pinned or clamped in the holder, but a friction fit is satisfactory.

The cutter blade can be made in a few minutes from a 1/8" x 5/8" piece of strap iron, the length being 3/4" for a 3/4" diameter counterbore. Notch the center and file the ends and bottom as shown in No. 7 at an angle of about 30°. Force the blade into the slot of the holder.

When counterboring a prop, it should be accurately centered as by a stud turned on a back plate if you use a lathe, or a dowel in a hole drilled in a wood block if you use a drill press. To further insure accuracy, oscillate the prop through a 90° arc while counterboring and finish by turning it 180° and again oscillating it through 90° while counterboring. Use a stop to limit depth of cut so the remaining thickness of the hub will permit a full but length of threads as shown in No. 3.

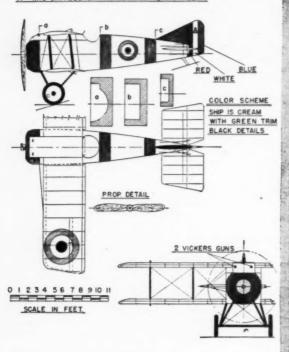
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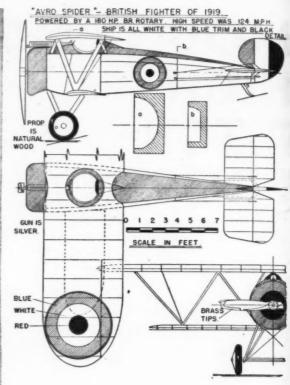
A counterboring tool of the type described works best when rotating 2500 to 3000 rpm. If the cutter edges are carefully honed it will counterbore two or three dozen props before requiring retouching with the hone. If made from cold rolled steel it will hold its edge longer, especially if it is case-hardened after honing. To finish the counterbore smoothly for varnishing after it is cut, a special sanding drum can be turned from a block of wood screwed to the face plate of the lathe. Both the end and the periphery of the drum have fine abrasive paper or cloth glued to them for finishing the counterbore bottom and its cylindrical portion.

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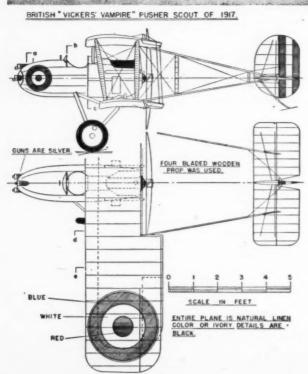
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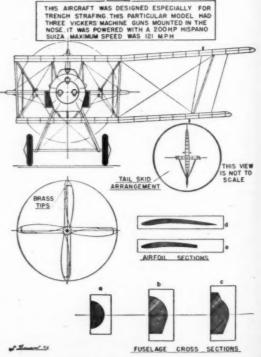
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Speed Cowls

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These two speedsters carry the simplest cowling which leaves the "pot" entirely out in the breeze.

would be interesting to see what actual wind tunnel tests will reveal here. If there is any advantage at all it is gained with a minimum of effort, and there is no sacrifice in accessibility or cooling. One model equipped with a cowl of this type which we have seen uses a two-piece hinged cowl with the plywood fins cemented to one of the halves at the center-

FIG. 3-The third suggestion is not exactly new, though it is seldom seen in modern speed models. It is our choice since it is a compromise between the other principal methods of cowling, retaining advantages of each and avoiding some of the objectionable features of each. The plug is still accessible, the base of the cylinder is completely housed, and there is no increase in frontal area. The main cylinder turbulence is materially reduced even though there is slight clearance behind the cylinder to allow a cooling circulation of air. Our own model, which employs this cowl arrangement, has its upper fuselage half carved of balsa and hollowed. The cylinder fairing is carved as an integral part of this turtleback, the whole unit being removable.

FIG. 4-In addition to Mr. Newberger's success with it, the neat appearance of the fully cowled engine is apt to entice us into using it whether or not we are convinced it adds miles per hour. Most such cowls we have examined are really pressure cowls with a small front air inlet and a larger outlet at the rear. Proponents claim that the small front vent not only admits adequate air for cooling but for the car-buretor intake as well. Under the stress of contest flying, however, the fact that the engine is virtually sealed up is a disadvantage should anything go wrong. The inside stream of air is something to wonder about in appraising this type of

cowling. Also the clean lines are broken by the front and rear openings, and finally there is the fact that frontal area is necessarily increased. Inexperienced builders often come up with cowls of such bulk and crudeness that, beyond any doubt, they are nothing but a hindrance to the model. That the function of the cowl is often not fully appreciated is borne out by the numerous times we have seen cowls with fancy grilled air intakes but lacking air outlets altogether! Without a rear vent for circulation the front opening is virtually useless.

There are many other cowl types, some a combination of the above. We have seen some which ignore the cooling fins on the cylinder by exposing only the head fins to the air stream. Then there are the fully submerged types, often made more complex by extension shafts and universal joints which, though unique, lack so much in accessibility as to hardly be worthwhile.

It is hoped that this brief discussion will help you decide on the best cowling arrangement for your particular case.



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The Ghoul

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cut from 3/16 in. sheet bass or some other hardwood and glued in place while the fuselage sides are still on the plan.

While the sides are drying, cut out the crosspieces from 1/8 in. x 3/16 in. stock. At this point note that the cabin detail is drawn only above the center line on the top drawing. Do not confuse the fuselage sides with the 1/8 in. x 1/4 in. stringers. Next cut the 1/8 in. plywood firewall to shape and drill the holes for the ignition. Remove the sides from the plans and trim off any extra glue or rough spots before assembly. Neatness starts in the construc-tion not in the finishing. Use care in placing the crosspieces, wherever possible aligning them with other members of the fuselage.

The next step is to build up the bottom formers from section B through L. 1/8 in. x 3/16 in. balsa is used, cutting carefully to insure accuracy. Square each section with a right angle as the glue dries. After this has been completed select a rather hard piece of 1/8 in. x 1/4 in. for the bot-

tom stringer and glue in place.

The same procedure is followed for top of the fuselage, but allowing the top stringer to extend an inch past section E for the cabin structure.

You will notice on the crossection drawings that an 1/8 in. sq. stringer is glued on the 3/16 in. sq. to build up the contour. This has been eliminated from the plan to prevent confusion, just as the stringers have been discontinued at section F

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It is now necessary to glue these 1/8 in. squares in place before constructing the cabin. For the time being it will be sufficient to run it back only as far as section E. Cut the cabin fairings from 1/16 in. sheet, and cut the wing platform, shown in the top view, from 1/8 in. sheet, gluing at the proper angle to fit the centersection. Notch as indicated for the fairings and also for the 1/8 in. stringers. Once this has been completed glue them in place, later adding the 3/16 in. x 3/8 in. braces. This for the time being completes the cabin. Do not put in the celluloid until

Those who wish to use the conventional two wheel landing gear may do so by changing the outline slightly and bolting it to the firewall. The three wheel gear, while a slight handicap in contests, is excellent for sport flying and saves many a prop.

The nose gear has a shock absorber built in, allowing about 3/4 in. rearward travel. Bend the spring from .045 in. piano wire and hold in place with two washers soldered to the gear.

The rear wheels do not need the shock absorbers and therefore are simple to install. Hold in place with strips of hardwood to prevent travel in any direction. Align wheels so the model coasts in a straight line when pushed along the ground.

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For a Forster engine the coil was placed between sections B and C, so locate your coil according to the weight of the engine used. Keep the length of the wires to a minimum and locate the condenser as close as possible to the engine. The timer should be set flush with the fuselage side in order that it be recessed when the stringers are added. A small hatch will prevent dirt and oil from fouling it up.

Once the ignition has been completed

Once the ignition has been completed add the rest of the stringers of the size specified. Continue them all the way back spacing them evenly as possible. Cut the tail block from soft balsa and carve to the camber of the stabilizer airfoil. A 1/4" slot is now cut in the block to serve as a keyway for the tail. With a sharp knife or razor cut the stringers down until they fair neatly into the fuselage outline.

Now while we're nice and ambitious, temporarily tack a block of balsa on the firewall with a few drops of glue and carve the lower cowling to shape; remove it from the body and carve out to 3/16" thickness. Cut out the necessary holes for the exhaust, sparkplug removal, air scoop or grillwork and the air vents. Once this has been accomplished it may be set aside for a few minutes while the motor mounts are made.

These mounts are bolted to the top of the lug so when the motor is inverted the lugs are easily reached. Removal of the four bolts which hold the mounts to the motor mount bearers permits removal of

the engine and mounts.

Now place the motor mounts temporarily in place and glue the bottom cowling on permanently. Only the upper section is removable. While this is drying, drill the four holes as shown on the plans, through the cowling, motor mount bearers and the motor mounts. Countersink the nuts into the mounts and add small plywood pieces under the bolt heads to keep them from biting into the balsa. Once the cowling is dry trim it up wherever necessary and add the grill work. The top section is very simple to make being held in place by two small rubberbands.

Before covering the cabin with celluloid it is a good idea to place your name and address inside where it won't be exposed

to the elements if lost.

Soldering a small extension on the needle valve, the addition of a spinner, and a final once over lightly with the sandpaper sums up the construction.

sandpaper sums up the construction.

No trouble should develop in the covering stage as there are no difficult curves to contend with. If you want an almost indestructible covering on the body after the Silkspan has been doped several times, apply a second layer with the grain running in the opposite direction to localize any rips that may develop.

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If the wing warps when covered don't worry about it until the wing is completely doped; then run good hot faucet water over the panel in question, twist it in the opposite direction and dry quickly over a gas stove. This has the same effect as steaming them out but is a little easier.

Almost all model builders are "Eager Beavers" when it comes to test flying. It's always better to wait for a calm day than to risk a new ship in the crucial test flights. As a pre-flight check, examine the wing and stabilizer for any new warps or mis-alignment. Check the motor for pro-

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While still fervently praying, make the first flight under low power, observing the characteristics and if corrections are necessary they may be made. It should climb to the left in wide circles under low power, and climb in tight left spirals as the torque is increased under full power. The original *Ghoul* and the forerunners of the design spiraled left and glided left, thereby eliminating any abrupt stall as the motor cut. Remember, a Forster is a lot of power for a ship this size so increase the revs slowly. Keep the motor run down or the *Ghoul* will go to "Model Heaven". Save it for the contests. Happy Hunting!

Design Forum

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have taken the first road because, unless their models were inherently stable they would crash. Obviously no pilot could fly

in them to guide them.

So the history of model aeronautics is largely that of the development of stable aircraft. This is especially true of the period during which gas models were de-veloped. These, in effect, were miniature full scale aircraft and their aerodynamic forces were more nearly like full scale planes than were rubber powered models, because of their greater weight and speed. Considerable difficulty at the start of their development and even up to the present has been encountered in building stable gas powered models. It has been chiefly a matter of guesswork or copying some successful design without knowing why the model performed correctly.

A few ingenious and determined young experimenters learned this secret and have consistently designed and flown successful gas models. Others less inclined cessful gas models. Others less fictined to thinking out their problems found it easier to copy these designs and merely enjoy flying them. Unfortunately they copied many poor designs as well as good ones, with the result that every contest is well punctuated with crashes and disappointed modelers.

The most troublesome instability characteristic has been spiral diving tendencies. This has troubled not only the modeler but also full scale aircraft designers who attempted to fly pilotless aircraft as bombs or target planes.

This outstanding problem has strongly impressed Robert Grindel of Havana, Cuba, who undertook to lay out a preliminary design for a gas model that will be inherently stable in all ways. He says he read many articles on the subject and gave it considerable thought. His design, shown in Fig. 1, indicates that he has absorbed completely the basic idea for

insuring spiral stability.

Briefly, to obtain spiral stability there are just two things to consider: First, center of lateral area—that is, the center of side projected area, C.L.A., must be very near to or on a line running through the center of gravity, C.G., and parallel to the thrust line. In computing the C.L.A. the projection of the wing must

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The center of side area may be determined by cutting out a cardboard pat-tern to exact shape of the model's projected side view. Where it is necessary to double the side area, paste an extra sheet of cardboard over that part of the ilhouette, for instance the wings. To determine the center of area, balance this cardboard silhouette on the point of a the cardboard balances horizontally. This point then will be the C.L.A.

The second requirement is that the neutral axis of the side area is horizontal or sloped up slightly toward the front.

This axis is a line drawn through the center of forward lateral area and rear-ward lateral area, marked F and R. These two centers may be determined by cut-ting the cardboard in half through the CLA, and then determining the center of each half. When this axis is slanted of each han. When this axis is stanted sightly upward the airplane will roll with nose pointed up so that it climbs; and if it has a spiral tendency it will spiral climb. If this axis is sloped downward, it will bank with the nose down and produce a tendency to spiral down or dive. The degree of bank or spiraling tendency is determined by position of the C.L.A. If it is above the C.G. spiral-ing will be acute. If on a level with or below it, little if any banking or spiraling will result. The neutral axis obvi-ously is not important if the plane does not spiral or bank; but if it does, it is important because it determines the way the model will roll, with the nose up or down.*

You will note that Mr. Grindel has shaped his model so that the C.L.A. is very low, and with the low rearward extending fuselage and high area in the front the neutral axis will slope upward as shown. He has incorporated another feature which is extremely important: he lept the thrust line high, thereby not only insuring a high C.G. relative to the CLA, but he also shortened the looping couple between the thrust line and the line of resistance. The lower the the line of resistance. The lower the thrust line the larger is this couple, therefore the greater is the looping tendency Obviously, greatest duration is obtained by a straight, steady, steep climbing flight with no looping.

Mr. Grindel's model should achieve this result completely. First, it will have a tendency to fly straight because the CLA. is low and the neutral axis is sloped up. Second, it will climb steadily without looping because the thrust line is high and tends to keep the nose down rather than to pull it up. We suggest that Mr. Grindel set his wing at 3 to 3½ degrees, and his stabilizer at plus 1/2 to 1 degree. Various settings between these limits chearly the settings. limits should be tried and the one that will give best results selected. A plane such as Mr. Grindel shows here, built to the limit of lightness, should equal in performance any plane flown on a con-

James McCullough of El Monte, Calif., and Arthur Runyon of Franklin, N. J. have submitted designs for swept forward wing gas models that are almost identi-cal. The only fundamental effective difference between the two is that Mr. Mc-Cullough uses a high fin and Mr. Runyon *Charles H. Grant's Theory of Rotational StaModel Builders SUPPLY

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a low fin. (A composite view of the two planes is shown in Fig. 2) They are seeking to develop some new and unusual form of aircraft, gas models in particular. Both believe that possibly this arrangement will solve the stability problem of tailless airplanes without loss of efficiency.

As far as average considerations are concerned this is true. In the past a number of full scale aircraft were built along this line. However, there is one great difficulty which is not at first apparent. This airplane will fly beautifully in still air or where conditions are not disturbed; but in breezy weather or during certain types of maneuvers this type is dangerous for full scale work and unstable as a model. It is stable longitudinally because the wings at the tips are of much greater angle, approximately a 10 degree angle, than at the center, which is about 3 degrees to the line of thrust. The center part of the wing which is more negative is back of the tips; consequently it acts as a negative stabilizer.

When the plane noses up the lift of the center and rear position of the wing increases to a greater extent than the lift at the tips. This action lifts the rear part of the plane, correcting the nosing up tendency. The opposite is true if the plane noses down. However, the fact that the tips are of greater angle than the center part of the wing causes directional or lateral instability or both under certain conditions. This results because the tips of the wings stall before the center portion of the wings. It can readily be seen that in disturbed air one tip may stall before the other at high angles of

This stalling action is sharp and abrupt and causes the plane to roll sideways suddenly about its longitudinal axis because of sudden loss of lift on one wing tip; or it may yaw sharply about its vertical axis due to sudden increase in drag caused by the stalling. This makes such type of plane very cranky, with the sudden change in lift and drag taking place at points remote from the center of weight, producing large disturbing moments. In full size airplanes it is the practice to wash out the wings-that is, reduce the angle at the wingtips rather than increase it so that the wing center will stall before the wingtips. This condition is absolutely essential to the stability and ease of handling of civilian aircraft. Washing out the wings in this way instead of washing them in as indicated in Fig. 2 prevents sudden stalling and then falling off sideways.

We cannot advise use of this type of model aircraft except as a means of finding out what not to do. As a contest model, we can say with almost certainty that it will be unsuccessful unless some other factor is brought into the problem that will correct the unstable tendencies mentioned here.

Harold Geres of Van Nuys, Calif. submits the design of a civilian plane with the new type of lateral and directional control shown in Fig. 3. The general design of the plane itself is excellent. It should be a convenient and efficient plane for the average flier. To obtain lateral and directional control the wingtips are hinged so either one may be turned up, forming dihedral angles of various degrees. Mr. Geres claims that when the wingtip is pulled up, as indicated in the front view, lift on this wing becomes less than on the opposite one so that the plane banks or rolls toward the side of the up-



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NOTICE

We wish to make a correction of state-ments we made in our columns in a previous issue.

We assumed that miniature jet engines require pressurized fuel systems as suggested by Robert Ronay. We learn from William L. Tenney, an expert on this type of engine, that they do not require such systems. "Both the gravity feed and spring plunger systems should under no circumstances be employed. With these systems, fuel flows whether or not the engine is running thereby creating a serious fire hazard. Jet engines employ simple suction like miniature reciprocating engines. With this system no require pressurized fuel systems as sug-gested by Robert Ronay. We learn from rocating engines. With this system no special tanks are required and there is no fire hazard."

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claimed advantages can be presented in a future article. It also is stated all the technicians who are building the engine were formerly with the University of California, Division of War Research.

The engine is intended for model racing cars, boats and planes, a propeller adapter being supplied for the latter use. Since the compression ratio of the Hassad is 13.80 to 1, highest of those ratios listed in the tables, the operator is warned using straight methyl-alcohol (methanol) fuel because of detonation, which may cause a dangerous rise in temperature. It is noted that the main purpose of using methyl-alcohol is to lower the temperature of the intake tract and thus allow a greater charge to enter the cylinder; but unless the fuel is chemically treated it cannot be used with a compression ratio much higher than 9 to 1. A particular brand of racing fuel is recommended for the *Hassad*. When tuned for racing it is stated a condition called "splattering" should be noted when the ignition is shut off. This is caused by the heated sparkplug firing the engine for a couple of seconds, and denotes opti-mum fuel efficiency, as the engine should be at a high temperature for best performance. The sparkplug porcelain should become a light tan color, as a gray-white

denotes too lean a mixture and a dirty brown or black too rich a mixture. The cylinder, which incorporates twin exhaust stacks, is machined from alumi-num bar stock, and the fins of the detachable cylinder head are milled on to minimize distortion. Through-bolts at-tach the head and cylinder to the sand cast aluminum alloy crankcase. Meehan-ite iron is used for the cylinder liner and piston. The dural connecting rod has a bronze bushing at the lower end. Two ball bearings having diameters of 5/8 fn. and 1/2 in support the chrome-moly steel crankshaft. A shaft-type rotary valve is used. The engine speed of 17,600 rpm with a 9 in. diameter, 12 in. pitch, or 14 in. pitch propeller is stated to have been certified by the U. S. Bureau of Standards. The weight of 18 oz. is somewhat higher than most engines of this

displacement.

ivell Motors has brought out an entirely new line of engines consisting of the Vivell Twin 60, Vivell Forty-Niner, and Vivell Super 35. All are two-port engines with shaft-type rotary valves, cylinders machined from solid bar stock, and cast iron pistons honed and lapped to fit the individual cylinders. Cylinders of the Twin and Super 35 are flanged at the lower end and attached by four screws to the aluminum alloy crankcase. The aluminum alloy crankcase of the Forty-Niner is extended up and around the cylinder nearly to the level of the cooling fins. The cylinder is attached to this extension with screws. The connecting rod of the Twin is machined from aluminum alloy and fitted with a bronze bearing and bearing caps at the lower end, the caps being necessary for assembly purposes where a two-bearing crank-shaft is used. The connecting rod of the Forty-Niner is machined from tool steel and supplied with a bronze crankpin bearing. Cast aluminum alloy is used for the rod of the Super 35, and bronze bushings are fitted at both upper and lower ends. All three engines have crank-shafts machined from alloy steel bar stock, hardened and ground, and bronzebushed main bearings. A detachable cyl-

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inder head machined from aluminum alloy and attached with four screws is a feature of the Super 35, while the other models have integrally-cast heads. The Twin turns a 12 in. diameter, 6 in. pitch propeller 9000 rpm; the Forty-Niner and 11 in. diameter, 8 in. pitch propeller 10,000 rpm; and the Super 35 an 11 is. diameter, 6 in. pitch propeller 9500 rpm. The Twin is designed for either beam or radial mounting.

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Another addition to the quite large group of Class C engines with a displacement .604 cu. in. now on the market is the Anderson Spitfire, introduced by the Mel Anderson Mfg. Co. Brake horse-power tests of this engine have not yet been carried out, but it is rated 1/2 hp at 10,000 rpm and is stated to turn a propeller 13 in. in diameter at this speed. The compression ratio is 6 to 1, and bare engine weight is said to be 11 oz. Aluminum alloy die castings are used for the cylinder, cylinder head and crankcase. The cylinder is attached to the crankcase with four hex head bolts, and the head to the cylinder with eight machine screws. The drop forged aluminum alloy connecting rod has a bronze bushing at the lower end. Alloy iron is used for the piston and the cylinder liner. The crankshaft is provided with the type of ball bearing which takes care of both radial and thrust loads. The engine is of the two-port type with a shaft rotary valve and has a cylinder bore of 15/16 in. and stroke of 7/8 in.

A postwar model of the Mighty Midget engine has been placed on the market With a 7/8 in. bore and a 3/4 in. stroke this engine has a displacement of 481 cu. in. The compression ratio is 8 to 1. The crankcase, crankcase back cover, and exhaust stack are die castings. The cylinder, piston and connecting rod are of steel. The upper and lower rod bearings are chrome-moly steel and the main crankshaft bearing is bronze-bushed. The cylinder is threaded and screwed to the crankcase. Six bolts attach the aluminum alloy cylinder head to the cylinder. The propeller sizes recommended are 9 in. diameter, 8 in. pitch, or 12 in. diameter, 7 in. pitch for free flight. It is stated the engine turns these props 10,000 rpm.

Another engine again to appear on the market is the Madewell. A bore of £81 in. and stroke of .783 in. provides a displacement of .488 cu. in. For free flight a 13 in. diameter, 5 or 6 in. pitch propeller is recommended, which it is stated the engine will turn 10,000 rpm. The same speed is attained with a 12 in. diameter, 6 to 7 in. pitch propeller used for precision U-control. A speed of 9000 rpm is attained with a 9 in. diameter, 8 or 9 in pitch propeller used for regular U-control operation. Bare weight of the engine is 9 oz. The cylinder is machined from alloy steel bar stock and attached with screws to the aluminum alloy crankcase, which is cast in a permanent mold. A cast iron piston and die cast aluminum alloy connecting rod are used. All bearings are bronze-bushed. The compression ratio is 5.24 to 1.

Viewed from the angle of the strokebore ratios used in the model engine field, the Cameron 23 is a relatively long stroke engine, the cylinder bore of 5/8 in. and stroke of 3/4 in. giving a ratio of 1.20 to 1. The engine has a compression ratio of 1 to 1, a bare weight of 5-3/4 oz., and is stated to turn a 10 in. diameter, 5 in pitch propeller better than 9000 rpm. Gray iron is used for the cylinder and piston to provide the same coefficient of expansion and permit a closer fit of the parts. A curved baffle and profiled bosses are features of the piston design. The cylinder is attached to the die cast Zamak alloy crankcase with four screws. Both the connecting rod and cylinder head are made of 17S-T aluminum alloy, the latter being attached to the cylinder with six screws. The main crankshaft bearing is made of 17S-T aluminum alloy. The timer has enclosed breaker points. Designed for either radial or beam mounting, this engine is of the three-port type.

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An addition to the Class A model en-gine offerings is the Cobey-Waite, which has a displacement of 147 cu. in., is rated at 1/10 hp at 8500 rpm, and is stated to weigh 3-1/2 oz. The cylinder bore is .562 in. and stroke .593 in. A compression ra-tio of 450 to 1 is used. The steel cylinder is finished by honing and a piston of the same material is ground to a finish. Aluminum alloy is used for the cylinder head, connecting rod and crankcase, the latter being die cast. It is recommended that No. 30 oil be used for this engine, which operates on standard automobile gasoline and is designed for either beam or radial mounting.

Built in Connecticut, the Stenmoor Bobcat is a new .42 cu. in. die cast alu-minum engine with steel cylinder liner and connecting rod, cast iron piston, and all bearings bronze-bushed. It weighs 7-1/2 oz., has a compression ratio of 8 to 1, and turns an 11 in. diameter, 8 in. pitch prop 10,000 rpm. The rotary valve

Another two-cylinder engine now of-fered is the Viking 65.2. Rated at 1/2 hp at 8500 rpm, this engine is of the very short-stroke type, the bore of .812 in. and stroke of .625 in. giving a stroke-bore ratio of .77 to 1. The die cast cylinder is provided with a steel liner and steel piston. Bare engine weight is given as

The specifications of the K. & B. Tor-pedo, produced by K. & B. Manufacturing Co., and the Torpedo Special, made by Miniature Motors Inc., are included in the accompanying tables. The former was listed in my previous article under "Torpedo," but the engine has since been re-

With a bore of .711 in, and a stroke of 750 in., the Torpedo Special has a 298 cu. in. displacement. The honed alloy cylinder has double exhaust ports and the piston is Meehanite iron. The crankcase and connecting rod are aluminum alloy die castings and the latter is provided with a bronze bushing at the lower end. Provision of a bronze wrist-pin makes an upper rod bushing unnec-It is a rotary valve engine and weighs 7 oz.

Revised specifications of the Bullet, another engine made by the manufacturer of the Torpedo Special, also are shown in the tables. Including the new Vivell 35 already discussed, the specifications of three engines shown in my last article thus are presented in revised form.

Aluminum alloy die castings, a hard-ened and ground steel piston, and a honed cylinder are features of the Class B Pierce engine, which is rated at 1/5 hp. The crankshaft is machined from a solid steel bar, hardened and ground. This engine has a .297 cu. in. displacement and is equipped with a rotary valve.

Specifications of the Arden .199 engine,

which are similar to those of the 099 model described in my last article, except for the cylinder dimensions, are included in the tables.

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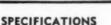
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revealed. With a weight of only 12 or. this engine is stated to develop .754 hp. The cylinder and piston are machined from alloy steel, and the cylinder head and connecting rod from 24S-T aluminum alloy. The crankcase is an aluminum alloy sand casting. A Meehanite iron bearing supports the alloy steel crankshaft. The engine is designed for radial mounting, but extra lugs may be obtained for beam mounting.

In response to a request for further information regarding the Forster 29 and the horsepower tests of this engine described in my last article, the following reply has been received from Forster

Brothers:

Our repeated tests of the improved ball bearing Model 29 engine were made on a reaction dynamometer, using various sizes of props having various pitches. This gave us any number of desired points for our graph. We still have the original test engine in our shop and, if need be, can make the tests again to prove the accuracy of the curves submitted. We have found from past experience that power tests made on a reaction dynamometer and using propellers for a load are far more accurate in the case of miniature engines than when using a flywheel and prony brake. This is mainly due to the fact that the engine will steady down and pull a propeller load at an even speed at which the torque can be measured, while in the case of a flywheel and prony brake it is difficult to maintain an even speed long enough to get an accurate reading. At the time of the printing of our circulars before the war, the bare weight of the Model 29 engine without sparkplug and gas tank was just a little over 5-3/4 oz. Later we strengthened the castings here and there, which added a little more weight. The bare weight of the improved 29 engine with ballbearing crankshaft is approximately 61/2 oz.

Pole Cat

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of maximum wing chord.

The aluminum cowl is made to fit over formers A, B and C. It can be held on with silk hinges to the top stringer. Add a small catch to the lower end to hook to the crutch.

The whole ship is now ready for covering. Go over the surface with very fine sandpaper in order to get a smooth covering job. After several coats of clear dope are added, apply the color.

The prop was carved from a 3/4" square block and only one blade used. This was balanced inside the spinner and worked excellently. The spinner is cemented in place and faired into the prop.

Test-flying this ship is much the same as any other; fly slowly at first. Launch with the ship held in the right hand and with the line pulled taut overhead, bankwith the line pulled taut overhead, bank-ing the ship away from the pole and gently launching downwind. Be sure to offset the engine at least 2° opposite the turn. Power should be added slowly-however, don't increase power if the ship starts to climb; instead move the weights forward until helpene is respect and the forward until balance is perfect and then add power. In this manner you can get the ship to fly straight and level with maximum power.

When the motor cuts, the ship will spiral down until it is within reach and traveling slowly—then it is an easy mat-ter to grab it. Even if allowed to swint around until the ship drops against the pole (the line should be cut so the mode cannot reach the ground) no harm will

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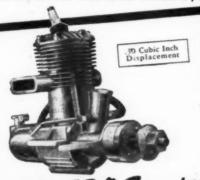
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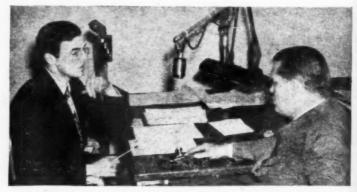
sponsored by the American Legion, and details will be worked out in conjunction with the Institute of Air Age Activities and the Academy of Model Aeronautics. Eliminations will be held in all 48 states

and the District of Columbia; and if it seems advisable, regional contests will be held in 11 regions between the last of the State meets and the Nationals.
While the Legion holds the option on

all these preliminary meets, it will be glad to hear from other interested groups who may wish to sponsor some of the meets. However, when this appears in print, all the meets will undoubtedly be definitely scheduled. Watch these pages for dates and locations.

Super Buccaneer is silk covered and is powered with a Baby Cyclone engine. It is now being trimmed up for 1947 competition work, has lifting tail and redesigned rudder and stabilizer. It is attractively finished with gold wings and tail unit with red tips and centersection trimmed with black. The fuselage is black with red cowling and fuselage flash.

John E. Cleland, Matthews 2, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. sent in Na 6 of his World War I SE5. He redesigned this biplane from Megow plans and powered it with an Atom. It has only a 24" wingspread and consequently provided Lohn with several integral integral. vided John with several interesting flights. Although the fifth flight proved



Walt Schroeder (right), staunch supporter of radio program "Meet the Model Builder," shown with Jack Bayha, originator of the feature, during recent broadcast.

Picture No. 1 shows the first model which Alan S. Reed, 3261 Tullamore Road, Cleveland Heights 13, Ohio has built since returning from Japan. It is a speed rubber job. He is now working on a twinfuselage rubber model which is also an

original design.

J. C. "Madman" Yates, 942 N. Catalina,
Burbank, Calif. sends in the excellent
photograph No. 2 of his Lockheed Sirius taken by Art Moser. This scale model, powered by an *Orwick* engine, flies at 85 mph and weighs 4-1/2 lbs. He thinks that what makes this low wing airplane so stable in flight is the fact that the coil, batteries, switches and booster plug are all in the wing, thus bringing the C.G. pretty low. This model has won one 1st and three 2d place trophies in contests up to the time of writing. No. 3 shows Victor G. Mathern's Waco cabin U-Control ship. Victor, of 7415

Roseberry Ave., Harrington Park, Calif. writes that he has been subscribing to MODEL AIRPLANE NEWS since 1932, but gives no details of his model.

Rigo Lindgren, Pensionatet, Ottenby, Sweden, sent No. 4 of his Fokker D8 which was built from M.A.N. plans and powered with an Eisfeld B 1 1/8 hp engine of German make. Victor tried out an "autopilot" of his own design on this model, and it worked so well that he now uses it on one of his speed models. He recommends the Fokker D8 for beginners.

No. 5 shows R. F. Fowler's pre-war model of his Super Buccaneer. Mr. Fowler, of 21 Somerford Grove, Park Lane, Tottenham, London N. 17, England, is an RAF veteran who read M.A.N. while he was stationed in South East Asia. His to be the last, this model performed all kinds of aerobatics from a loop to a roll and a spiral dive. It weighed 12 oz., but the increased ruggedness gained proved well worth the extra weight.

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Franco Bucio Ciprés, Huasteca No. 17 Col. Industrial, Mexico, D.F., sent No. 7 of his biplane which he built for U-Con-trol. Unfortunately he gave no details on this ship.

No. 8 is a Class B indoor cabin ship built by Pete Andrews, 8602 63rd Drive Forest Hills, L.I., N.Y., which won the AMA "B" record with the time of 17 m

AMA "B" record with the time of 17 m 40.6 secs. at Kingsbridge Armory last fall. No. 9 illustrates the all-time favorite model of Ray Daniel, Route 3, Belton, Tex. It is of original design and is powered by an Ohlsson 19. Wingspan is 30", and all solid construction gives it a weight of 26 oz. The highest speed Ray belton the text of 24. The original design and the second speed Ray belton to the text of 24. The original design and the second speed Ray belton to the second speed speed Ray belton to the second speed Ray belton to the second speed has been able to get is 66.44. The engine cowling is removable and batteries are inserted from rear of pod. The airscop is an actual working supercharger. He writes that this is the most stable and

writes that this is the most state ameasiest flying ship he has ever used.

John Mosca, 437 Rosehill Place, Elizabeth, N.J. sent in No. 10 of his diesel engine. It has a .199 cu. in. piston diplacement and will swing a 10° prop with a translated to the control of the control an 8" pitch at 4000 rpm. A dome piston is an original feature. John, who is a teel and die maker, writes that his 22 years of model building proved an invaluable asset in teaching him to read prints and draw-

ings in his trade.
D. F. Galasneau, Portland, Oregon, submits No. 11 of his Rearwin Speedster, which was built from plans in May 190 issue of M.A.N. Construction was started just after his release from service and

took the better part of two months. He is hoping for good flying weather so that he can try it out.

No. 12 is an excellent illustration of the ability, both as model builder and photographer, of Warren R. Watson, 308 E. Bonita Avenue, Baldwin Park, Calif. He assures us that this B25 really flies. It is powered by two inverted Ohlsson 23's, is all planked with balsa, and has a 55" wing with flaps that work with the aid of a third line. The cockpit and gun turrets are fully detailed. The high glossy finish which can be noted in the photograph took a month to complete.

NEWS OF MODELERS

René Tuthill, 105 Kent Street Salishan, Tacoma 5, Wash. would like to correspond with modelers interested in new designs, preferably originals. He would like to trade supplies with modelers in foreign countries where they are scarce.

Jimmy Ferguson, 2533 Daisy Lane, Fort

Worth 11, Texas is anxious to start correspondence with fellow modelers, particularly those interested in U-control sail-

planes and free flight.

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> Sven Eriksson, a 16 year old Swedish modeler, asks Model Airplane News to help him find an American model builder with whom he can correspond. Readers can contact him at Langgalan 73, Sundsvall, Sweden.

> Maurice W. Wilkinson, 21 Garturk Street, Glasgow S.2, Scotland—D. J. Foreman, 8 Alloa Road, Goodmayes, Essex, England-and M. Starling, 67 Howberry Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey, England would like to exchange their current issues of Aeromodeller for current issues of MODEL AIRPLANE NEWS each month.

F. Gardner, 31 South Terrace, Sowood Ossett, Yorkshire, England also makes the above request. And he would like to hear from Mr. H. Arnold, National

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rted and 1947 City, Calif.
Peter V. Letts, an 18 year old RAF member, is another English modeler who desires to correspond with an American modeler. He writes that his interests are gliders and indoor and outdoor rubber models. He can be reached at: 108 Sandwell Road, Handsworth, Birmingham 21,

Warwickshire, England. David Valleley, 20 Mayfair Crossacres, Wythenshawe, Manchester, England is anxious to resume activity as an aeromodeller after six years of service in the British Army. He has 120 copies of the British aeronautical journals, Flight and Aeroplane, dated from October 1945, and he states they are in good condition and contain fully detailed drawings of all the latest postwar British civil planes, military types, and jet and piston type engines. He would like to exchange these journals for copies of MAN. or other aero magazines dating from February

1940 to the present. Cesar Aguiar Gama, Rua Xavier Da Silveira 45, Apt. 56, Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil would like to correspond with other modelers.

CLUB NEWS

California

Francis Stewart, Secretary, reports that the Bakersfield Gas Model Airplane Assoc. will hold its annual free flight contest on April 13, co-sponsored by Bakersfield Junior Chamber of Commerce. There will be \$500 in cash prizes along with trophies. The local merchants do their share in donating several hundred dollars in merchandise prizes every year. The contest will be held at Minter Field which has several thousand acres of very level hard



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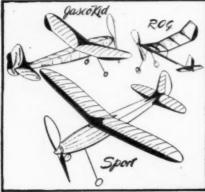
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RAY ACORD reports the results of Los Angeles Aero Modeler's 21st Semi Annual Contest held on December 15,

Class A-1. Stuart Sittig. 2. Dennis Davis. 3. Class B—1. Squire.
Class B—1. Robert F. O'Brien. 2. Ray Acord.
3. Jim Saftig.
Class C—1. Dun Lutz. 2. Frank Davis. 3. James

nompson.
Sweepstakes—Robert O'Brien,
Longest Flight—Jim Saftig.
Junior Trophy—Howard Bell,
Ladies Trophy—Doris Mitchell,

THE San Francisco Recreation Department announced the results of their hand-launched glider contest on December 20th in their bulletin, The Third Di-

Junior Division

Junior Glider—I. Larry Giordanengo and Ronalé Jackson. 2. Aurella Doerner. 3. Orel Pierson. Micro Glider—I. Larry Giordanengo. 2. Aurella Doerner. 3. Frank Jordan.

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Junior Glider—1. Frank Pagano. 2. Jack Ritner. 3. Ronald Shewbridge. Micro Glider—1. Ronald Shewbridge. 2. Al Ireton. 3. Paul Baker.

Class B Towline

Junior Division—1. Doug Smith. 2, Paul Forrette. 3. Noel de Nevers. Micro Division—1. Frank Pagano. 2. Ronald Shewbridge. 3. Jack Ritner.

THE Northern California Model News reports that Bob Dollar received the coveted Sky Bug trophy at Santa Rosa with close competition from L. S. Cook, Al Fredrickson and Blair Mitchell.

These new officers were installed at a special meeting of E.M.E.S.: Pres., Jack Collier; Gen. Mgr., Walter Brown; Chief Clerk, R. C. Cushing; "O" Supt., Clifford D. Grant; "HO" Supt., Dr. Edward L. Scudder; Stock Clerk, Maurice Maede; Chief Electrician, Russell Ahrnke; Director of Public Relations, James L. Museauter, Manager L. tor of Public Relations, James L. Munson; Editor, Philip C. Johnson. Listed below is the 1947 contest calen-

taken from Northern California

Model News.

April 13—Free Flight—Bakersfield
April 13—Free Flight—San Diego
May 4—U-control—Los Angeles
May 11—Free Flight—San Bernardino
May 12—Free Flight—Fresno
May 25—Free Flight—Fresno
June 8—Free Flight—Los Angeles
June 22—Free Flight—Los Angeles
June—U-control—Alameda
August—U-control—Falo Alto
Sept. 28—Free Flight—Oakland
Oct. 12—U-control—Los Angeles
Oct. 19—U-control—Los Angeles
Oct. 19—U-control—Los Angeles
Oct. 19—U-control—Los Angeles
Dec. 1—U-control—Los Angeles
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RESULTS of the Class "C" Catapult Glider challenge contest held at Livermore Airport by the Oakland Cloud Dusters are as follows:

Andrade, Blau and M. Demos. 2. Pop Robbers. Pete Demos.

Results of the indoor hand launched glider challenge contest held in the Oakland Armory are:

1. Gordie Peterson. 2. Bob Blau. 3. Mike Den F.G.M.A.C. reports the following results for their monthly contest held on November 24, 1946.

Class A.—1. Roland Mosier. 2. Dick Beggs. 3. Jack Tifrick.
Class B.—1. Al Bissonette. 2. H. Vincent. 3. M. Martin.
Class C.—1. Ralph Mower. 2. M. Martin. 3. Ras

Juniors-1. H. Vincent. 2. R. Mosier. 3. R. Balekian. Results for their U-control contest on December 8, 1946 are:

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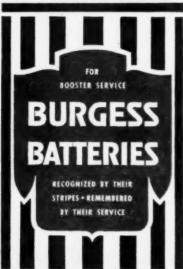
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BRUCE PICKETT announces the formation of a new club, Pomona Valley Model Airplane Assoc., whose officers are: Pres., Dean Landreth; Sec., Eugene Wood; Treas., Don Jones. This up and wood; Ireas, Don Jones. Inis up and coming new club held a free flight meet in December with first place going to Orville Long. They also report a meet with a Glendora club in December in which Pomona took first place for rubber stick, towline glider, and free flight gas.

THE San Francisco Model Aero Club elected the following new officers: Pres. Bud Craighead; Vice Pres., Bill Binns; Treas., Wm. Mackerracher; Sec., J. New-

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NEW MEMBERS are welcome in the East Bay Aeroneers Assoc. Any model builder living in the East Bay area may attend only three meetings, then must apply for membership. Meetings are held every Monday at 8:00 p.m. at Roots Hobby Hut, 6036 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland

THE Aeroneer reported results of the E.B.A.A. monthly contest held on Decemher 8th:

Class B-1. J. Volponi. 2. Jim Liebee. 3. 11 Steese. Class C-1. Russ Watkins.

Listed below are the final E.B.A.A. point standings for 1946.

Class A-1. Jack Dyer. 2. Jim Liebee. 3, D. Verba. Class B-1. Bill Steese. 2. Jim Liebee. 3. Dm

Foote. Class C-1. C. Hubbard. 2. R. Watkins. 3. C. Doane.
Junior—Stan Stufflebeam.

THE Golden Gators Model Aero Club THE Golden Gators Model Aero Clad elected these new officers: Press, Paul Tull; Vice Press, James Heims; Sec., Dan Bedell; Treas., Howie McDonough. W. S. BISCAY of Albany Control Fly-ers writes that his club and the Tethered

Terrors of Berkeley met with Richard L Walpole, Manager of Regional Parks, to discuss establishing of a permanent Model Flying Field in Tilden Park. Mr. Walpole suggested an area adjacent to the Cricket Field which was agreed upon as being suitable, and plans are being made to grade this area to make three flying circles which will be ready about the first of March.

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THE Penninsula Prop Twisters put over a fine U-Control Contest on January 12th at San Mateo with the following results: Class A-1. W. S. Biscay. 2. Mel Anderson. 3. oyce Van Bebber.
Class B-1. Bill Thumber. 2. Roy Mayes. 1.

Class C.—1. J. Swenson. 2. J. Pedracci. 3. W.

Class C-1. J. Swenson.

Clash—Snuffy Duffy.

Appearance—H. Smith.

Team—1. R. Heise and J. Swenson.

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Yearly point standings (1946) are: Class A-1. H. Vincent. 2. F. Mosier. 3. 1

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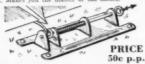
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Kansas

The Mid States Model Aeronautical Assoc. reports election of officers for 1947: Pres., C. O. Wright; Vice Pres., O. L. Elbring; Sec.-Treas., Al. J. Hummel.

Dope Fumes, official monthly publication of Wichita's East Side YMCA HyFlyer Clubs and Mid States Model Aeronautical Assoc. announce the formation of
a new club called Newton Hy-Flyers at
Newton. J. J. Kroeker, Pres. of the new
group, acted as Contest Director for their
first meet, an indoor affair at Lindley
Hall. The club meets in the "Y" Building
at Newton on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

The following were elected by Boys' Farm Hy-Flyers: Pres., Benny Aeby; Vice Pres., Bob McCoy; Sec., Harold Krause; Reporter, Harold King.

THE Men's Eagle Hy-Flyers Club reelected their officers at a semi-annual election: Pres., Bill Bain; Vice Pres., Frank Manley; Sec.-Treas., Jay Osborne; Sponsor, E. Linn.

Louisiana

The Shreveport Modeleers Club will sponsor a spring contest to be held April 13th (Alternate date April 20th) in Shreveport. It will be the "South-Central Regional Control Line Contest." They hope to have prize awards of approximately \$800 in value. The last contest held on September 8, sponsored by Shreveport Kiwanis Club, attracted 65 contestants. The Shreveport Modeleers Club has now installed its new officers who are: Pres., Sgt. Robert V. Mann; Vice Pres., Robert Earl DeLoach; and Sec.-Treas., Tom Philyaw.

Massachusetts

The Boston Speed Demons formed a new club with the following officers: Pres., William Creighton; Sec., Earl Richards; Advisor, Al Green; Contest Director, Esio Grassi. Meetings are held at 24 W. Tremlett St., Worchester, on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. New members are welcome. Prizes are awarded every three months on a point total basis. Inter-club contests are held every two weeks at the Franklin Park Golf Course.

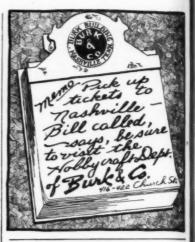
ANOTHER NEW Massachusetts club is the Blackstone Valley Gas Modelers. Officers elected are: Pres., Al Jemlick; VicePres., Jerry Baghdasanian; Sec.-Treas., John Curran, and Club Photographer, Philip Dion. Flying sessions, both free flight and control line, are held at Ux-bridge Fair Grounds every Sunday, weather permitting. Meetings are held bi-monthly at the Boy Scout Headquarters

Michigan

Harvey C. Varnum, Secretary, reports the formation of a new club, *Ann Arbor Airfoilers*, which has a monthly paper known as *Airfoiler's News*.

New Jersey

The N.Y. Society of Model Engineers, Lackawanna Terminal, Hoboken, announces that a space fifty feet square is being set aside for inclusion of a model race track for testing and racing miniature power boats, planes and racing cars in the upper concourse. Constructed with a water-tight rubber basin as a base and a removable platform to cover the "half-doughnut" shaped water course, the race track provides a circular path some 35 ft.



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8th, with the following results:

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Class B Speed—1. Francis McElwee. 2. Peter Schoenberg. 3. Robert Schwanbauser.
Class A Speed—1. Thomas F. Osiecki. 2. Ernest Babcock, Jr. 3. Matty Kania.
Stunt Event—1. Ernest Babcock, Jr. 2. Don McGovern. 3. Johny Diehl.
Jet Speed—1. Dick Mahoney. 2. James Fitzpatrick.
3. John Wardlow.
Scale Model Flying—1. Artie Hasselbach. 2. Francis McElwee. 3. Ernest Barth.

High point winner of the meet was Ernest Babcock, Jr. who won a Cushman Motor Scooter. The snow was plowed from the field by three members of the Linden Model Club.

New York

William Fletcher, Secretary, reports that Prop Spinners Club, Elmhurst, is now formulating plans for its Eighth Annual Northeastern Championships Model Airplane Contest. The date is to be August 3; the site, the familiar east coast modelers' heaven, Hicksville Flying Field, Hicksville, L.I. Events are: separate Classes A, B and C free flight gas and a combined class towline event. Prizes valued at \$500 to \$800 will be awarded to at least 15 entries in each event. The North-eastern Championships Perpetual Trophy again will be awarded to the contestant amassing the highest number of points in each of the four events.

THE Syracuse Model Airplane Club started its 14th year under Exchange Club sponsorship with the following elected officers: Pres., Denny deLaroche: Vice Pres., Ed Izzo; Sec., Herb Sennert; Treas., Andy Nicholas. Meetings are held at the First Presbyterian Church, 620 W. Genesee St. each Friday at 7:30 p.m. Prospective members are urged to come to a

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meeting and get acquainted.
SINCE THE postwar Constitution has been drawn up and voted on, the New York Aeronuts is making a drive for added membership. Those interested (active flyers only) are requested to write to Bernard Schoenfeld, 11 Cornelia St., New York, N.Y.

North Carolina

Don T. Howell, Corresponding Secretary, writes that the Piedmont Modelaires of Concord and Charlotte, held their 1947 election on January 8th with the following results: Pres., R. L. Deal; Vice Pres., Jimmy Kilgore; Sec.-Treas., John Hopkins; Corresponding Sec., Don T. Howell; Substitution of the state of th testant who can get there.

Sherman M. Spector of Havelock has written for information on starting a gas modelers club. Interested modelers in his area should contact him.

Mrs. Nadine Hay, Sec.-Treas., reports the formation of a new club, the Propfellows, with the election of officers as follows: Pres., Hank Hay; First Vice Pres., Don Clingan; Second Vice Pres., Jake King; Sergeant-at-arms, Jake King; and Sec.-Treas., Nadine Hay. This new club is

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anxious to exchange ideas with other clubs. Mrs. Hay's address is 2336 S.W. 31st St., Oklahoma City.

Washington

The Tacoma Aeromudlers report the election of new officers for the Jan. 1-June 30 term as follows: Pres., Jerry Thomas; Vice Pres., Fred Doty; Sec., Frank "Curly". Hansen; Treas., Vic Lichenberg.

Lichenberg.

"Curly" Hansen reports the results of the monthly club contest which was held at Harts Lake Prairie on December 29:

1. Don Sangesand. 2. Bob Ormsby. 3. Byron Blanchfield.

Wisconsin

Wally Strittmater, 1530 Jackson St., LaCrosse, requests that all Wisconsin model builders send their names and addresses to him so that he may send them full information on the new state association. The first major objective of this association is the forthcoming National Elimination Meet for the Wisconsin area.

England

Roy Gunn, of West Coventry M.A.C. reports through ABA News that the popularity of their indoor season is evidenced by the large number of members attending and the number of models being flown. A competition was held last October 23 and the winner was A. J. Barr, with aggregate times of 279.3 secs.; Mr. Dudley, of the Kenilworth Branch, was runner-up with an aggregate of 129.8 secs.

Palestine

The Editor of Model Airplane News received an invitation to a Sailplane and Model Airplane Exhibition sponsored by The Jewish Aero Circle at the Dov-Hoze House, 22 Bezalel St., Tel Aviv, on December 22, 1946.

South Africa

Lieut. W. R. Kotze, 84 Smit St., Silverton, Pretoria, Transvaal, South Africa, writes that there are a good many clubs in the Union which usually hold contests once a month with a meet every Sunday. Arrangements are being made to hold their first Nationals since 1938 sometime during April, with Bill rooting for the Carwill team.

R. D. Masters, 44 Oakhill Road, Berea, East London, South Africa, a former B24 pilot, writes as Chairman of the East London Model Aeroplane Club that sailplanes are extremely popular with them, having produced their best flights. One Thermic "70" turned in 39 min. 25 sec. at one meet, and 15 min. at the next. Gas models are plentiful; rubber models have not been spectacular due to the shortage of good rubber.

Finish First

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owes its beautiful finish to 25 to 30 coats of various types of dope, with 8 to 12 separate sanding operations. Even the Cub, where lightness and economy of production rather than beauty are of first importance, probably has a 9 coat finish. So don't try to shortcut the finish of your scale model.

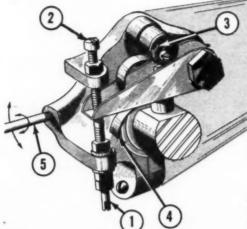
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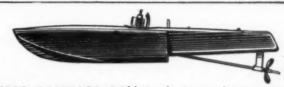
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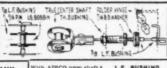
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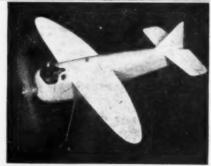
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dope are necessary to obtain maximum lustre of finish on silk. It is this fact that model fans should bear in mind from the first, for the greatest strain that will be imposed arises from shrinkage of the covering. One unfortunate aspect of this situation is that the very parts which, on full sized aircraft, are stressed to carry only incidental loads, must on the model be under the greatest strain.

The trailing edge of the wings and the fairing strips along the fuselage, for example, are points on the model where maximum strain occurs. These are parts of relatively small dimension. On the average scale model, to hold these parts to scale and at the same time insure adequate strength to carry the strain imposed by 8 to 14 coats of dope, requires special consideration. It cannot be overemphasized that this type of problem must be worked out while the model is at an early stage of construction if a finish worthy of the detailed scale model is to be achieved. The model builder should be certain the materials chosen and the type of construction followed will provide structure sturdy enough to stand the strain imposed in the finishing process. As a suggestion, metal can frequently be used in those parts subjected to the greatest strain. Thin sheet aluminum, copper or brass can usually be worked without special tools or equipment.

If the scale model is built in the same manner as its fullsized prototype—in various units which can be assembled and disassembled—the following advantages

will be realized:

1. Each unit (wing panel, fuselage assembly, etc.) can be finished separately.
2. Maintenance of the model's finish is far easier since disassembly permits cleaning or repairing of parts as necessarv

3. Greater fidelity is achieved in dupli-

cating the fullsized structure.

Each of the models illustrated can be disassembled completely in a few minutes, and the advantages gained from this have proven well worth the additional construction time spent in making this

One procedure of fabric work in the aircraft industry that can be adapted to scale model work is the use of pinked tape. On all fabric covered aircraft structures pinked cotton tape in appropriate widths is attached before covering to all edges of the structure against which the fabric would touch. This tape is attached to all ribs, fairing strips, leading and trailing edges, and longerons. The purpose is to strengthen and protect the covering at these edges where strain and wear are greatest. After covering and applying the first coats of dope, a second layer of this tape is doped on over the same edges, thus providing three layers of fabric at the points of greatest strain on the covering. (This is exclusive of the special tape used in the process of sewing the wing cover to the ribs. Since model covering need not be sewn there is no comparable use of this type in scale model work.)

A modification of this technique can advantageously be used on scale models. Silkspan paper cut in strips can be used to duplicate the pinked tape. All model fans who have used silk as a covering material are familiar with its tendency, when doped, to wrap itself around fairing strips and other portions of the model's structure with which it comes in contact. This occurs because model airplane silk is extremely porous and the dope tends to penetrate through to the structure. A Silkspan strip under the silk covering

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effectively stops this tendency. A second advantage occurs when sanding a covered surface. In this operation even the finest andpaper may cut through the covering at exposed places—over a rib or fairing strip for example. With three layers of covering over these places (a strip of Silkspan, the silk covering, and a second strip of Silkspan) the danger of sanding through the covering is reduced. It is beleved that this procedure greatly facili-tates the covering and finishing processes.

Although the success in covering scale models depends on the individual's skill and experience in working with silk, it also depends on consideration of the following general rules:

I. The "grain" of the covering material should parallel the longer dimension of the part being covered. (The grain of silk parallels the selvage.)

2 The covering of parts where the curvature is in two directions is best accomplished working with wet silk. (Difficulty is frequently encountered in aircraft fabric work in obtaining this type of fabric curvature. Examples that come to mind are the junction of fin and fuse-lage on recent model Stinsons and the fabric fillet between centersection and fuselage on certain model Beechcraft bi-Repeated attempts will evenplanes.) tually yield the effect desired in this type of model fabric work.

3. Thick dope or model cement is suit-

able for adhesive. The covering should be mented to the structure at intermediary points only where necessary. That is, only where the curve of the structure is con-

cave.

4. Uniform tension of covering on all areas should be obtained in order to equalize the strain on the structure and the tautness of the final surface.

The covering of each unit should be sprayed with water before doping—an atomizer or insect spray gun is suggested. If the covering has been done properly no winkles or malformations will remain after shrinkage takes place. If wrinkles remain it is not a safe policy to trust that they will disappear with the application of dope.

There are many advantages to spraying dope rather than brushing it. It is possible, however, to obtain as excellent a final finish by using a brush as with a pray gun; it just takes longer. Sable-lair brushes will be found very satisfactory for models up to about 4 ft. in span.

The doping procedure recommended is similar to that followed in the aircraft industry. Apply one coat of clear dope to all surfaces of the model; then dope the strips of Silkspan over the structure as reviously suggested, following with 2 mats of clear dope. The surfaces on the various parts at this point should be taut mough for sanding. This initial sanding can be done with No. 320 Wetordry sandpaper used wet. Sand lightly and avoid as much as possible sanding on top of ribs and similar places. After sanding a wing panel, for example, look along the surface into a strong light. A multitude of small bright spots will probably be noted at this These are miniature pits in arly stage. the finish which it is necessary to fill; the finish.

Follow the initial sanding with 2 more conts of clear dope. Unless the finish is musually rough it is suggested that sanding be done with No. 400 Wetordry paper from this stage. Not more than 2 coats of dope should be applied without sand-It is recommended that aluminum tope be used after these 5 coats of clear tope. Aluminum dope makes an excel-

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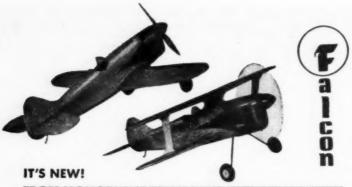
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lent base for any pigmented dope; it is a fine protection for the silk covering and the aluminum powder has a tendency to fill the miniature crevices in the finish. If "blushing" occurs, a fine spray of thinner will usually remove it. "Blush-

If "blushing" occurs, a fine spray of thinner will usually remove it. "Blushing" is due to the moisture content of the air, and it is suggested that at least the final coats of pigmented dope be applied in quite dry weather. The weather may also affect the alignment of surfaces—particularly, alignment of the trailing edges of wing panels or tail surfaces in fabric covered structures. A surface held by a jig in proper alignment while the shrinkage of the cover takes place will often warp out of alignment long after the model is completed if subjected to rapidly changing temperature and humidity. For this reason jigs should not be utilized in this stage of scale model construction.

After 7 to 9 coats of dope have been applied to the surface with appropriate sanding (5 coats clear dope, 2 to 4 aluminum dope), the surface held up to a strong light should reflect all light rays uniformly. It should be impossible to determine the silver grey color by looking along the surface into such a light—the finish should appear to have what can only be described as a "liquid quality." Whenever this condition is met the model is ready for its final pigmented dope. If more than one color pigment is to be used on one part, a wing panel for example, masking tape is indispensable. It is suggested that the desired finish of one color be obtained before proceeding to the other color, and that the predominating color be applied first. With the possible exception of very light colors, 2 to 4 coats of pigmented dope will be sufficient.

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For the final sanding No. 600 Wetordry paper is preferred although No. 400 can be used if sanding is done very lightly. It will be noted that all sanding dulls the finish, but the brilliance and lustre that only a smooth surface can have is easily restored by use of paste wax, fine rubbing compound, or if the surface is very smooth, by simply rubbing with a soft cloth. It is extremely important never to use rubbing compound or wax on any surface until all doping is completed.

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This method of obtaining a fine finish on fabric covered scale models may seem unnecessarily long. Actually, however, it represents only a small percentage of the total time spent on a detailed scale model.

World War I

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provided in previous designs by staggering wings or cutting away portions of the wings in the vicinity of the cockpit. British designers had for years been trying to improve the pilot's outlook and almost succeeded in 1916 with the back-staggered De Havilland 5 biplane. But the De H-5's bulging rotary engine plus its premature obsolescence failed to solve the problem. The ultimate sought was visibility comparable to that provided by such early pusher fighters as the FE. 8 or De H-2 in which the pilot sat out in front of a central nacelle with all the land and sky before him unobstructed.

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Design thinking on the Dolphin began as a scratch pad doodle in the engineering rooms of the Sopwith Aviation Company Ltd. during the summer of 1916. The doodling engineers pointed with pride at their thumbnail sketches of what might be if only a 190 hp water cooled engine were available to fill the bill. The only likely engine, built by Rolls Royce, had already been earmarked for other more

urgent types such as the Bristol Fighter. Then, like a bolt from the blue, word came that Wolseley Motors had obtained a license from Hispano Suiza to manufacture their new 200 hp geared engine. With promise of an appropriate powerplant, the doodle soon became a purely engineering project and the forces of Sopwith imme-diately went to work on model 5F1. It was nicknamed "Dolphin" in accordance with the Sopwith custom of naming their

products after animals, fish or fowl The prospect of working up a design incorporating a water cooled engine probably appealed greatly to Sopwith's engineering staff. So far they had worked only on rotary engined planes for front line service. The new project, 5F.1, with its back-staggered wings offered new opportunity for great play of the imagination, a challenge to put everything into a single seat fighter that should be there.

Design and construction work progressed rapidly and on May 23, 1917 the Sopwith experimental department put its seal of approval on the 5F.1 Dolphin and turned the prototype over to stress and flight test.

Dolphin Prototype

In its original state, the Dolphin differed in a number of details from subsequent production models. The prototype and first few service test examples were characterized by a high and narrow nose radiator with the propeller shaft projecting through an appropriate hole in the upper half and a typically Sopwith verti-cal tail surface somewhat similar to that of the famous Camel. The engine, a revo-lutionary feature for a Sopwith airplane, was a water cooled Hispano Suiza type 8-B, geared 4 to 3 and rated a maximum of 206 hp at 2,000 rpm.

Generally, the configuration of the initial production Dolphin was little different from the prototype. Within limits of engineering changes they were the same dimensionally. But by late summer 1917, Dolphins which had been put on service test status demonstrated that while the design was inherently good, there was much to be desired by way of improvement before the airplane could be considered fit for front line service. Some trouble had been experienced at the factory in obtaining satisfactory radiators in quantity from an already overtaxed cooling system industry. The Dolphin exhibited, in addition, a tendency to spin violently under certain conditions, and it was found difficult to effect spin recovery. In addition, and somewhat more alarming, was the structural failure of Dolphin wings in several instances, some of which were fatal to the pilot.

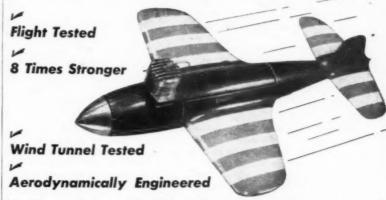
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After months of experimenting and redesign, production was begun on a much improved Dolphin, the type with which the Germans were to become sadly familiar during the summer of 1918. Substantially the same as its prototype from all outward appearances, the production Dolphin's wings spanned 32 ft. 6 in., both with a chord of 54 in. Their combined total area, including ailerons, was 263.25 sq. ft. Gap was narrow at 51 in., giving a squashed down appearance. Dihedral of both wings was 2-1/2 deg. It should be explained here that a last minute rigging change was made which affected all Dolphins beginning with the fifth production model. Wings of the first four ships were set at 1-3/4 deg. incidence throughout and back-staggered 13 in. From the fifth ship onward, incidence was increased to 2 deg. throughout and stagger reduced to 12 in.

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by moving the upper wing forward the difference. These changes were dictated by a relocation of the fuel tank in the fuselage to obtain a better center of gravity condition. It was intended originally to place the tank on the fuselage floor behind the pilot. With the fifth air-plane, however, the fuel tank was placed directly under the pilot's seat.

Unbalanced ailerons with a generous combined area of 38 square feet were fitted to both upper and lower wings. Wings were braced by two pairs of struts on either side, the lower pair attached directly to the fuselage and the upper panels attached to a wood strut and steel tube center section structure which sur-rounded the cockpit and was left uncov-

The Dolphin's unusually deep fuselage completely filled the gap between the wings with the pilot so seated that his eyes were on a level with the upper wing. Centered in the uncovered center section. he was able to see freely approximately 20 deg. forward over the nose; straight down to either side, front and rear except where vision was blanketed by the lower wing; full 360 deg, above the upper wing; and directly aft. Overall length of the production Dolphin was 22 ft. 3 in.

Procurement troubles with the prototype nose radiator were eliminated by installing right- and left-hand radiators outside the fuselage just above the trailing edge of the lower wing. This change actually improved the pilot's forward vision. The spinning and poor recovery characteristics of the prototype were corrected by re-design of the vertical tail surfaces into the peculiarly shaped fin and balanced rudder apparent in the accompanying photographs. These enlarged surfaces, in addition to removal of forward side area by eliminating the nose radiator, provided the Dolphin with ex-cellent directional and spiral stability.

Performance

Performancewise, the production Dol-phins left little to be desired for a 1918 service type. The first operational models officially weighed in at 1,406 lbs. empty and grossed 1,881 lbs. Fuel weighing 194 and grossed 1,881 lbs. Fuel weighing 194 lbs., sufficient for a 230 mile range, was included in this gross figure. Wing loading in this condition was given as 7.3 lbs. and power loading, 9 lbs. At sea level the Dolphin clipped off 136 mph; 131.5 at 6,500 ft.; 128.5 at 10,000 ft.; and 124 mph at 15,000 ft. Its ceiling at this weight was 23,500 ft., and landing speed 40 mph. Times of climb to those altitudes were respectively 4.9, 8.25, and 14.7 min.

But like all other planes in either World War, the Dolphin was soon bulging with added equipment, more fuel and sundry things which increased its gross weight and knocked down its performance. One of the first additions of weight went into two movable Lewis machine guns mounted on the front spar of the centersection, augmenting the two standard synchro-nized Vickers guns in front of the pilot. Then came the addition of still more fuel, more ammunition, and finally oxygen for the pilot. And as its performance suffered, the Dolphin's most desired characteristics were balanced one against the other to recover the loss. The first things to go were the two centersection mounted guns and the oxygen. Actually Dolphins were flown at times with a gross weight of 2,018 lbs. as an approved gross, where the speed dropped to 111.5 at 10,000 ft.; climb to that altitude was increased to 11.7 min; and ceiling was reduced to 18,500 ft. On special occasions Dolphins were flown with gross weights as high as 2,300 lbs,

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but such a loading was not generally practiced.

Not all this performance loss was due to weight increases, however. Resistance of overhanging guns, flare shields, bombs, bomb racks and other equipment took their toll of speed, climb and ceiling.

Because of its effective ailerons area, the Dolphin possessed an excellent rate of roll and full lateral control down to and including the stall. In normal level flight attitudes all controls moved easily with little pilot effort. But at high speeds, as in a long dive, the rudder and elevator controls tended to stiften up considerably, and too sudden pressure on the stick could pull the wings off. While flying straight and level, lines of the Dolphin made it appear to be tail heavy and it seemed to be flying level in a very shallow dive. This attitude fooled a great many German pilots because the Dolphin accelerated quickly in a dive and got into a fight more quickly than was expected.

As an all around single seater, the Dolphin exceeded anything the British manufacturers were able to put out in squadron quantities before W.W.I. ended. Other types perhaps bettered it in specific items of performance, but as a package the 5F.1 was hard to beat. It was different enough from the usual run of fighters that a special school was set up using 180 hp Dolphins as transitional or advanced trainers. Yet the 5F.1 possessed enough good characteristics that a 300 hp version was built and tested for production in 1919 and which the U. S. and French air services were contracting at the time of the Armistice.

These two models will be described and illustrated together with a structural analysis of the 200 hp Dolphin in these pages next month.

Plane on the Cover

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But the old "flying shoehorn" wasn't through! The Navy still had a fondness for a type it had used for more than 20 years! One thing it was willing to give up was the singing wires and interplane struts of the biplane design.

Considerations of space limitations made it clear at the start that the fuselage location of the retracted landing gear was out of the question. This created a major design problem because of the midwing (and therefore high) location of the wing. The result was an awkward location of the main gear trunnions outboard on the wing with the wheels folding inboard and up into recesses provided in the wing lower surface. Location of the nose wheel in the tip of the "shoehorn" was a natural, however, although presenting a complex structural problem.

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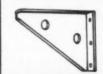


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ings of A.M.A. he impressed everyone with his sincere efforts on behalf of the model builder and the splendid job he had done for aeromodeling in his home city.

Model aviation suffered an irreparable loss with his passing. It is hoped that the Akron program he helped launch will be continued as a memorial to Glen Rymer and his outstanding work.

PIONEER GAS MODEL enthusiasts frequently feel lost in the swelling band of power plane flyers, and little wonder considering how the ranks of the motor maniass have expanded within the past 10 years. Not long ago a charter member of the old International Gas Model Airplane Asso. (I.G.M.A.A.), the first big gas club, requested one of the "pioneer certificates" attesting to the fact he was an "early bird" builder. builder.

Well, the gas modeler just hasn't any pio-neers' organization like the full scale "Early Bird" or "Quiet Birdmen" clubs. Several limes we have brought up the matter in these columns and have heard from several of the earlier experts. All were unanimous in their desire for some sort of recognition.

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So act right away if you are one of the "oldtimers", and spread the good word around to any of your buddles who might qualify. Eligible are those who flew gas models prior to 1938.

From England comes reports of the Third National Model Aircraft Exhibition sponsored by the London newspaper, Daily Express, and the Aeromodeller magazine, and held in Dorland Hall in London. This turned out to be a wonderful show and exhibit. Highlight of the affair was the display of new diesel engines which are fast taking the play away from standard ignition motors. Some 15 different diesels are being readied by various British manufacturers, and in a recent international meet at Eaton Bray, England, entrants from the continent (France, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Denmark and Holland) stole the show with their highly perfected compression-ignition engines.

vakta, Denmark and Holland) stole the show with their highly perfected compression-ignition engines.

An outstanding feature of the London show was electric "round-the-pole" flying in which remotely operated control line models made exhibition flights powered by electric motors. Current is supplied to specially made electric motors through the tether wires and most of the models hit a speed of 12 to 20 miles per hour—sufficient to become airborne and fly under control. We will have a first hand account of the exhibition and British modeling in general when C. S. Rushbrooke, editor of Aeromodeller, arrives in Americas on on a goodwill mission to American modelers. M.A.N. Editor Howard McEntee is arranging for Mr. Rushbrooke to visit various model clubs in the New York area, and it is expected that a series of informal luncheons and dinners will serve to acquaint the wellknown English author, designer, builder and editor with American modelers and American model activity.

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and just run it back and forth a few times, then wipe again. Repeat this half a dozen times and the bore is lapped. The main consideration is that the barrel should be straight or very slightly bell-mouthed toward the bottom. If the barrel is ground you should have no trouble to achieve this; but if it is lapped, it is advisable to make a plug gage out of brass or any metal which is handy and test the amount of taper with it. You can actually check for the degree of compression the piston will have.

Tap the sparkplug hole and file in the exhaust ports while the piece is held in the lathe. Be careful when filing the ports because if they are not evenly spaced there will not be sufficient space for the transfer passages. If the particular lathe you work on has an indexing arrangement this will be a great help. The exhaust ports are 1/8" high and 7/16"

Round off the cylinder fins to the proper shape with a smooth file before tackling the next job, that of cutting the

bypass or transfer passages.

The bypasses can be made in two ways: They can be ground in with the tool-post grinder, using a %" diameter wheel; in this case the work does not have to be removed from the chuck. A quicker way is to mount the work in the milling attachment and make the cuts with a %" tachment and make the cuts with a %" endmill. If the latter method is used, mark the work before taking it out of the chuck so you can get it running fairly true when it is rechucked to make the two small steps at top of the cylinder

and to cut off. The bypasses are 1/32" deep and extend 41/64" into the cylinder. If they are made by milling, the cutter and work should be set so the full 1/32" depth can be made. Then run the work toward the headstock so the end teeth of

the mill will do the cutting.

PISTON-The piston is also made of Meehanite. Mount the remainder of the Meehanite bar in the chuck and drill in %" deep with No. 20 drill (.161), then bore the hole to .615" diameter and 5%" deep. Now cut down the outside diameter to within a thousandth of the size of the plug gage which was used to check the cylinder box. The last thousandth of an inch can be taken off gradually with emery paper. Frequent tries into the cylinder and checks with the micrometer are necessary to get a good fit. As the plug gage goes up to the top of the cylinder the size of the bore is known at that point. If piston goes in the cylinder as far as the ports it is satisfactory for the time being. At this point the piston should be cut away from the Meehanite rod with a parting tool.

SOCKET—Use the 3/" aluminum for this part. Do not forget that the top nipple should be a good fit into the hole at top of the piston. The outside diameter mpple should be a good fit into the hole at top of the piston. The outside diameter of the socket is 19/64" and the hole is made with a No. 3 (213) drill; the hole depth is 3/16". The socket may now be riveted into the piston, and for this job the socket closing and holding tool is employed. Insert the aluminum fitting in place from the inside of the piston and put the pointed end of the tool against it inside the piston. Rivet the nipple on top of the piston, taking care not to hit the piston with the hammer as this may knock it out of shape or even break it. If the nipple was made a snug fit into the hole it will not require much riveting to produce a firm anchorage.

CONNECTING ROD-Before the connecting rod can be started, a form tool to cut the two different sizes of balls at the ends of the connecting rod should be made.

Plans for this tool will be seen at top of page 29 and are shown double size for clarity. First the 36" square cold rolled clarity. First the % square cold rolled steel is mounted in the milling attachment and center drilled % from each end, after which the holes are bored through with a small drill, say about No. 30 (.128). The work should be turned to 10 degrees more than right angle to the drill so as to produce proper clearance when it becomes a cutting tool. The final holes are made with No. 3 (.213) and F (.255) drills. Now the end is either ground or filed until exactly half of each hole is removed; then two edges are further cut away to the measurements shown on upper (top) view of the tool. It is important that this tool be reproduced exactly, otherwise the ball ends on the rod cannot be made properly. The smaller hole will make the ball which acts as a universal joint. This ball will be made first so the right lip of the form tool (as it is placed in the lathe) should tool (as it is placed in the lathe) should be left even with the middle of the hole; the other side should be ground shorter, as the drawing shows, to allow for half the thickness of the connecting rod itself. The end which is to form the larger ball should be made just the opposite way since the connecting rod will be at right of the cutting tool when this ball is made.

The finished tool should be surface hardened in *Kasenit*. This process, which is also known as case hardening, is very simple and can be accomplished at home with a gasoline blowtorch or even on the



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Chuck the 5/8" cold rolled piece with about 1½" sticking out of the chuck and turn down the outer ½" to about the size of the small ball. Now put the form tool in the tool post and move it straight in very slowly to make the small ball, moving the tool forward until a check with the micrometer shows the ball to be a trifle over .213" diameter. After the ball has been formed, smooth it well using very fine emery cloth. With a pointed bit cut down the connecting rod at left of the ball to about 9/64" dia. and an inch in length; then loosen the chuck and pull the work out another 1/2". Now cut down the portion nearest the chuck to the approximate size of the larger ball. Measure 1% from center of the small ball and mark the rod. Also make smail ball and mark the rod. Also make another mark at 1½" from the ball center: this is where the connecting rod shank ends. Turn the rod down to 9/6# dia. at the 1½" mark, then use the form tool to make the larger ball. The connecting rod proper between the two balls can be filed to a slight taper (about .007) and the piece cut off.

File two flats on the large ball until the thickness is reduced to 11/64", centerpunch the middle, first checking the 1%" center distance again to get the exact spot for the punch mark, center drill the punch mark, then bore through with a No. 17 (172) drill. The wall will be little more than 1/32" thick so be careful to have the hole centered. Harden the drilled ball in Kasenit.

We are now ready to assemble piston and rod. For this job the hollow end of the socket closing and riveting tool is used. Insert the small ball of the connecting rod in the aluminum socket and put the tool over the connecting rod. Lay the piston top down on an anvil and strike the pointed end of the tool a few light blows and the socket will be closed neatly.

INTAKE TUBE—First make the intake tube out of the %4" aluminum; a piece about 1½" long should be used. Place in the chuck sideways and adjust so that the long axis of the piece is centered. Spot with the center drill and bore a hole slightly smaller (about .001") than the outside diameter of the main bearing so it will be a very tight press fit. Now chuck the work the conventional way and drill the intake tube hole which is 1/4" (the F drill will do for this). Cut to length and round off the bottom with a file as neatly as possible. Press the intake tube on a frontplate so the intake hole will be ¾" from the rear of the crankshaft thrust bearing. At ordinary vise will be useful for this job.

Hold this piece in the milling attachment by the square portion and drill the 1/4" intake hole right through the bearing. Insert the crankshaft and spot slightly with the center drill. Then remove and drill through one side of the shaft into the hollow center and not touching the other side. Follow up with a No. 1 (228) drill. Before you try to insert the crankshaft in its bearing, again file off the bur so it will not score the inside of the

bearing.

FINISHING—The rest of the work is mostly adjustment and assembly. It may be necessary to shave a little here and there but if the proper step by step procedure is followed, everything will come out all right. Insert the crankshaft, line up the two intake holes and, looking from the rear of the shaft, put a scribe mark 45 degrees to the left of top center and crossing the groove made to locate and crossing the groove made to locate the crankpin. Center punch where the two lines meet and make a hole with a No. 19 (.166) drill. Make the crankpin out of a piece of 11/64" drill rod about 3/4' The crankpin must be a drive fit long. The crankpin must be a drive fit in the crankshaft hole. If a new drill is used to make this hole it will probably be advisable to use a No. 18 (.169) drill instead of the No. 19 specified. At any rate there should be an "interference" of 2 or 3 thousandths between the stock used for the pin and the hole diameter. The pin can then be driven in without damaging either niece yet it will never damaging either piece, yet it will never work loose. After driving it through the counter balance, cut off so the projection is 11/64" long.

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Cut the timer mounting ring, leaving the hole in the center a thousandth or so small so that this part, too, will be a press fit on the front plate. Force it on far enough to leave %" for the timer case. Now file the 3/16" wide slot in front of the main bearing in which the timer spring actuates. This slot goes diagonally at 30 degrees from left bottom to right top as viewed from the front and is cut half way through the bearing. The came half way through the bearing. half way through the bearing. The cam slot in the crankshaft should coincide with it when the crankpin is at top of the stroke. However, the latter slot is only 1/32" deep so it will not break through the wall of the shaft. Harden the front part of the shaft in Kasenit so that the timer action will not wear away the cam mer action will not wear away the cam edges. At the same time harden the crankpin as it will "pick up" and seize if left soft. Before hardening the latter, however, make sure the pin is an easy fit in the connecting rod. There may even be a slight looseness here to allow for misalignment of various parts.

Drill the hole for the needle value (No.

Drill the hole for the needle valve (No. 30 drill if you are using a Forster part) in the intake tube. Drill and tap the hole for the 3-48 screw which holds the timer in place and allows it to be moved to change timing. This hole can be marked off through the slot in the timer case when the latter is held in place against

the timer mounting ring.

The hole should be marked centrally in the timer case slot. Rotate the timer until the contact points just open when the crankpin reaches top center position. The crankshaft must, of course, be turned counter-clockwise as viewed from front of the motor to determine the position where the points open.

If it is found, when the motor is tried ut, that the speed is still increasing when the timer lever reaches maximum advance position, a new hole can be made

to allow even more advance.

We are now ready for final assembly. Slide the piston into the cylinder; if it is too tight, make a wood mandrel which will tightly fit the inside of the piston and use very fine emery paper again with the piston turning in the lathe. Just as soon wyou get it so it slides above the ports, by very easy and try it often so as not to make it too loose. When it goes in all the way, screw the cylinder into the case with the piston, frontplate and crankshaft properly assembled. Note position of the Diston with crankpin at bottom center.

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If the various parts of the motor have been accurately made the compression ratio should come out to about 5-1/2 to 1, which is about midway between high and low. The chucking stud may be cut off just as soon as the engine turns over smoothly and feels as though it is going to have good compression; however, it is better to be cautious and keep it on until the engine is ready to be installed in an airplane. It is very handy when the engine is being broken in as no mounts are needed-just clamp the stud in a vise

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and the engine is ready to run.

Install a V3 sparkplug and use at 2 to 1 mixture of white gas and No. 70 oil white the engine is getting its sea legs; and do not run at full advance as the top of the piston expands more than the cylinder barrel and might seize up. This will do no serious damage to the engine but it may loosen the aluminum socket a little, a fault which shows up in a sudden loss of compression. Should this occur, all you have to do is re-close it with the socket closing tool.

Mounting the engine should be done radially, with metal brackets fastened to the screws holding the gas tank in place. Alternately, angles can be fastened to the sides of the case for normal beamstyle mounting.

As with any engine, its efficiency and even its length of service depend entirely upon the care with which it is broken in. Run it slowly, use only the best oil and gas, and disassemble and clean the engine thoroughly after each half hour or so of running until it is thoroughly loosened up and ready for real work.

(Needless to say, we will be very pleased to hear from readers who have built this engine, or to help those who have run into difficulties. If there is sufficient interest in material of this sort, more will be presented in this magazine in the future.- Editor.)

Flash News

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ed in the nose. The XF2R-1 is powered by a General Electric TG-100 gas turbine driving a four-bladed propeller encased in a long, sharknosed spinner. The propeller is of the "square tip" design. The new power unit increases length of the Fireball by four feet, and this additional area forward of the center of gravity has required installation of a large dorsal fin forward of the rudder to provide the required lateral area. A feature of the turboprop unit is the fact that after driving the propeller, about 25% of the available power remains of the nose. The tail unit remains a General Electric I-16 unit as in the FR-1 Advantage of the turboprop unit lies in the tail unit as in the FR-1 and the turboprop unit lies for the turboprop unit Advantage of the turboprop unit lies in retention of the propeller with its fast acceleration (for takeoff and rapid climb) while making available the "constant thrust" characteristic of the gas turbine. The XF2R-1, even more than the FR-1, is thus an "all altitude" fighter plane with substantially the same amount of power. substantially the same amount of power available at its ceiling as is available at

sea level. As in the case of the XF15C-1, the XF2R-1 is not slated for quantity production at present but both will be used for intensive development work as guinea pigs for future fighters.

IT MAY NOW be revealed that the potent North American XB-45 jet bomber has been completed for several months, but delays in delivery of the engines have forced temporary cessation in work on the craft. It is a midwing bomber with a single rudder and is powered by four General Electric TG-180 axial flow turbojet engines mounted in pairs in nacelles in the wing. The bomber is said to be in the 600 mph class.

ONE OF THE strangest aircraft ever built in America is the new Boeing L-15 two place liaison airplane under development for AAF. In general appearance it looks as if an engineer took the gondola from a Goodyear blimp, turned it around, added wings and an upside-down twin tail assembly on a boom and called it an airplane! However, the L-15 is a carefully designed answer to the liaison aircraft problem to which the wartime Grasshopers supplied only a partial answer. The strange design will fly at less than 50 mph, take off and clear a 50 ft. obstacle in 600 ft., and land in less than 250 ft. It is powered by a Lycoming 125 hp engine mounted tractor-style in the nose. The observer is located in a glass enclosure allowing nearly complete vision throughout a full sphere of observation. The L-15 has been designed for versatility: it can be towed as a glider to the operating area, thereby conserving fuel on the way out; it can be equipped with skis and a special fitting can be attached to enable it to operate from an overhead cable in the jungle. Another special feature is the fact that it can be quickly disassembled and loaded into standard 2-1/2 ton Army truck!

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MANY SIGNS point to a projected round-the-world record-breaking attempt by Republic Rainbow transport this summer. Company and Army engineers are said to have estimated the total time as only 46 hours including stops in Paris, Karachi, Tokyo and Fairbanks. There is little doubt that the 400 mph craft can do the job under proper conditions, but there will be many days of waiting, checking and predicting to chose that one particular takeoff day when the weather is "just right!"

Flyabout

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cylinder head can be made by wrapping fine wire on a nail. The twin-ignition sparkplugs on the forward side of each cylinder head are small pieces of balsa. The cylinder units are cemented on the nose block as shown on drawings at 120 degrees apart. Carve the instrument panel block from soft balsa and cement in position as the next step.

To complete the fuselage, cut from 1/32" sheet balsa the six stringers required which extend along the fuselage sides, cementing them in their proper locations as shown on plate 1. Also install the piano wire tail skid of No. 15 wire on the fuselage tailpost, making sure of good adhesion.

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two main spars. The leading edge is a length of 1/8" x 1/4" stock, sanded to proper crossection later. Instead of building the wing in one piece, each half is constructed separately, both being joined later with a cemented butt joint. Select good hard stock for the spars. The front one, in two sections of course, is $1/16^{\prime\prime}$ x $5/16^{\prime\prime}$ balsa. The rear spar is $1/16^{\prime\prime}$ x $3/16^{\prime\prime}$.

As will be noted, two false spars are included, each pair being the length of the ailerons. Cut the forward pair from the alterons. Cut the forward pair from $3/32'' \times 5/16''$ material, and the rear set from $3/32'' \times 3/16''$ balsa. The trailing edge is $1/16'' \times 3/16''$ stock; notch it for the ribs. To build a wing half, slide the necessary ribs on the spars in their ap-proximate positions. Pin the two spars to the working surface followed by the trailing edge. Raise all three members on blocks the necessary distance from the workbench surface as required. The ribs are then placed in their correct locations and cemented

At the fuselage end of each wing panel there are two spar sections between the first two ribs, each the depth of the airfoil section in their respective locations. Install these, then cementing the over-head window in place (.010" celluloid), following the contour of the ribs. Now cement the leading edge against the ribs, sanding it to section shown when dry. Next cut a pair of wingtips from 1/32" sheet balsa and install. Each aileron is installed with soft copper or iron wire as shown. Put 1/2" dihedral in each wing panel (at tip) by cutting the leading and trailing edges where indicated, after wing frame has become a one-piece unit. Use cement and reinforcing balsa blocks to securely fasten the material which has been partially cut through.

TAIL SURFACES-The empennage is of simple construction yet rugged in service. Fin and rudder spars are 1/16" x 3/32" balsa, while the ribs are merely 1/16" sq. strip balsa. All diagonal crossbracing is of 1/32" sq. bamboo. To form the edges, use No. 18 aluminum wire, bent to correct outline with the fingers as it is worked around from one end to the other. Finally, connect the fin and rudder with the same hinge wire used for the ailerons.

The stabilizer is of the same general construction as the vertical empennage. It consists of 1/16" x 3/32" stock for all edges and spars. The ribs are also of 1/16" sq. balsa, and 1/32" sq. bamboo is again used for crossbracing. To complete it, connect the elevator to the horizontal stabilizer with the wire hinges.

LANDING GEAR-This unit is of bamboo construction. In building it, use 3/64" bamboo, sanded to approximate streamlined section. Where each strut is cemented to the fuselage, use cement freely to effect good unions. Proceed to cement the three struts together at the axle after the fuselage attachment. To complete it, make two axles from No. 15 piano wire as shown on plate 2. Where attached, they are to be bent in a "U" shape and then wrapped with thread and cemented. The 3/4" diameter wheels, of the air-wheel type, can be purchased from any model supply house, or turned from balsa if desired. Hold wheels on with a small drop of solder.

PROPELLER & MISC. STRUTS-Carve the propeller from medium-hard balsa. First blank it out as shown on plate 1. After it has been carefully sanded to a good finish, upon completion of the carv-ing of the blades, drill a hole through the hub to accommodate the No. 15 piano



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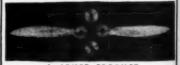


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The main wing struts are made from 1/16" x 1/8" hard balsa, each being sanded to a streamlined crossection. The small inner brace struts between the main struts and wing are made from 1/32" x 1/16" bamboo. Notice that a diagonal drag strut of the same size bamboo is included in the group (see dotted line across side window of cabin—side view of fuselage on plate 1). The brace struts for each side of the stabilizer are also made from 1/32" x 1/16" bamboo. All struts, now ready to install, are laid aside until covering is

COVERING & ASSEMBLY — Colored tissue should be used to cover the model. Begin with the fuselage, which should first have installed the side cabin windows, cut from .010" sheet celluloid. It is suggested that the fuselage be a dark suggested that the fuselage be a dark color, using a lighter contrasting color for wing and empennage. Proceed to cover the wing and tail surfaces in the usual manner. Now give the paper its primary tautness by spraying with water, following with a light coat of clear dope. The assembly may now be started. First

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paint the interior structure of the cabin, with a selected colored dope, including the instrument panel block. Also paint the engine at this time, giving it two coats of glossy black dope. Cement the wing in its correct position on the fuselage. Cut five lengths of No. 12 piano wire which forms the windshield frame between nose upper cowl and wing leading edge. One is in the center, while the remaining four are grouped in two sets as shown. Make and install the dummy balsa gas tank cap on its 1/32" sheet balsa base. Determine the windshield template, using paper. After getting it to correct outline (flat development), make the windshield itself from .010" sheet celluloid. To install it, first cement it to the center brace, using pins at upper cowl and wing leading edge tem-porarily, and work each half around to the fuselage sides, cementing well and using pins until dry.

Proceed with the assembly by next in-

stalling all the wing struts previously made. Cement the horizontal stabilizer in position in the slot provided. The stabilizer struts (one is on each underside of the stab.) can now be cemented in position. The vertical fin and rudder assembly are now cemented on top of fuselage, taking care that it lines up correctly with the horizontal stabilizer. The thread bracing on the tail, also the dummy elevator and rudder control cables, should now be cemented in place. Use gray thread for these. Each should be strung as tau as possible, being pinned in place under

remain until cement is dry.

Next paint the wing and tail struts with properly colored dope to match your paper color scheme. The propeller shaft with hook bent in it is now slid forward. frem rear side of the nose block through the block and propeller. Insert two small brass washers between the two in this operation. Bend the shaft over and sink it in the propeller hub, using cement.

BALANCING AND FLYING - First glide the model after ascertaining that it is in approximate balance. Bend the elevators down slightly to compensate for a slight stall. Should it require more nose weight than the elevators can counteract for, cement a small piece of solder on rear side of the nose block. When gliding properly, install 2 to 4 strands of 1/8" flat tubber, giving the propeller a few turns only for a trial flight. If satisfactory, pro-osed to wind it to capacity.



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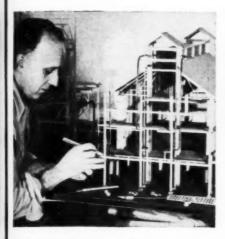
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